

CITY OF AMHERST PLANNING COMMISSION

206 Main Street
Amherst, Ohio 44001

March 31, 2021

MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

John Jeffrey
Dave Andrews
Mayor Costilow
Terry Tomaszewski
Dale Rosenkranz
Mike Ireland
Charlie Marty

Members Absent:

Other City Officials
Atty. Patrick Ward
David Macartney
Tammy Paterson

Mr. Jeffrey opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

1. Mr. Joe Ernandes from Clark & Post Architects along with Ms. Kelly Larosa representing Lorain County Habitat for Humanity is requesting approval for a proposed canopy addition on the east side of the existing structure with a proposed enter and exit only drives off Rice Industrial Pkwy for the donation center operation. Mr. Ernandes stated they would like a new canopy and a new entrance and exit drive for their donation drop off. Mr. Ernandes stated they would have new directional signs and a buffer between the concrete drives. Mr. Errands stated the drives would be 12 feet width. Mr. Ernandes stated they would be moving the exterior storage containers to the back of the building which will make the area look nicer and neater in appearance. Mr. Macartney stated the parcels have recently been surveyed and asked if the lot consolidation would happen. Ms. Larosa stated she acquired the properties about 6 years ago and the latest parcel one year ago. Ms. Larosa stated she had not started the consolidation. Attorney Ward stated he had nothing to add except to remind the Planning Commission this must also go before Council for their approval. Mayor Costilow asked if they had any thoughts to combine one entry and exit? Mayor Costilow stated he felt this had a lot of curb cuts and wondered if they had any alternate ideas. Mr. Ernandes stated they did look at that option but crossing traffic they felt was an issue and a nuisance. Mr. Ernandes stated after looking at other alterative ideas they felt this was the best and safest solution. Mr. Ernandes stated they would only be adding one extra drive for donations. Mr. Marty asked if the 12-foot driveway meets the Fire Department standards. Mr. Macartney stated the ordinance standard is 26 ft width but that is for a two-car driveway. Mr. Macartney stated this is only a single car but would reach out to the Fire Department for their comments. Mr. Tomaszewski asked what the canopy is constructed of. Mr. Ernandes stated it is a pre-engineered structure steel. Mr. Ernandes stated it will have gutters and the siding will match. Mr. Marty asked if the Fire department turns north will it allow the trucks to get in the property. Mr. Macartney it will help to have the containers out of the area. Mr. Macartney stated the radius will be a little tighter than what they would

want but the Fire Department will have access through the other drive. Mr. Ernandes stated they will adjust the radius if needed. Mr. Ernandes stated they are anticipating an increase in volume of traffic with the new donation area. Ms. Larosa stated their intent is for the public not to have to get out of their cars when dropping off donations. Mr. Tomaszewski stated he has used this facility many times and believes this new system would be very beneficial.

Mr. Tomaszewski motions to approve application as submitted and recommends to council, seconded by Mr. Andres. Approved 7-0

2. Mr. Doug George at 7660 Leavitt Road. Mr. George is asking to withdraw his preliminary review.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2021. Mr. Ireland motions to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Rosenkranz. Approved 7-0.
4. Next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday April 28, 2020 at 6pm. Approved 7-0.
5. Motion made by Mr. Rosenkranz to adjourn at 6:20pm, seconded by Mr. Andrews. Approved 7-0.

John Jeffreys, Chair 4/6/21

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Date

Tammy L. Paterson 4/6/21

Tammy L. Paterson, Sec

Date