

BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

January 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: William Malesh, Timothy Parker, Mike Salmon, Tim Thompson, and Dianna Battaglia, Planning & Zoning Director.

Mr. Malesh called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Without objection the minutes from the November 25, 2019 Board of Appeals meeting were approved with correction by quorum of attending members.

OLD BUSINESS:

SE2019-02 12 River Road: Special Exception – Service of Alcohol

Ms. Battaglia explained the conditions of the Resolution address many concerns the public had related to the redevelopment. These include the location meets the definition of a standard restaurant and the architecture of the proposed restaurant promotes the look and feel of the surrounding waterfront community. In addition the applicant must provide to the Planning Commission satisfactory ingress and egress, required parking spaces, minimize traffic congestion and restaurant's customers will not impede the surrounding residents from access to or use of their private property and parking spaces. Mr. Kommalan submitted an email that he agrees with the written Resolution.

Mr. Malesh explained the resident's concerns are protected here. This development is positive. Looking at other multi-millionaire dollar marinas, one very large, very fancy, with pool, everything, and there's no congestion. During the week there's ten people at the pool, there's two people sitting at the bar, couple of people having crab cakes and that's the way it is. Basically these are people who are staying there and then they go into town, they cross the bridge to Annapolis, so this is not going to be mobs of people as feared. You're going to have people come in to go the brewery, or Rodgers Tavern, or down to the other restaurant. They're all good things that will happen from this. As far as what was said about Port Deposit, that the town has gone down in value; the homes are in miss-repair, there's not much value there. The expensive ones cost about \$495,000, \$500,000 or higher, they're going up in value. The restaurant has alleviated some of the issues with parking and they provide tram service, they addressed all those issues, they're professionals it appears and they're flexible.

Mr. Thompson stated the parking down here will be so much better than up there.

The Board agreed that the document was prepared according to their recommendations and signed the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Battaglia
Planning & Zoning Director