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Board of Zoning Appeals

Minutes

July 26, 2016

The Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Cambridge met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 in the City Council Chambers located at 305 Gay Street, Cambridge, Maryland.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Brian Manning, Vice-Chair, Gloria Cornish, William Clyde, Ted Brooks, Dormaim Green,

Other representatives in Attendance: Pat Escher, City Planner; LaSara Kinser, Planning and Zoning Assistant

Mr. Manning opened the meeting and conducted a roll-call. There were no proposed changes to the agenda. Mr. Manning then issued a welcome, explained the order of the proceedings, and swore in those wishing to testify.

Regular Business:

BoA #2017-001, Intersection of Woods Rd. and Rt. 16, Map: 41 Parcel: 18: Special Exception.
Application to construct a ropes course.

After a brief report by staff, the application was presented by the legal team for the project, Mr. Sandy McAllister and Mr. Ryan Showalter. The application was also represented by Mr. Bill Wrightson, project manager; Jean Sarazan, park designer; and Mr. Sam Seymour, representative for the owner and site operator. Mr. McAllister presented a brief history of the request, the location, the qualifications of the team, the safety and construction of the park, the special exception criteria, the relationship of the project to the SHA round-a-bout that is currently under construction, and proposed storm water management. Mr. Showalter then presented the site plan and concept board for the project and further discussed the layout, course development, and potential safety concerns. The Board discussed the potential impact on local traffic, job creation, pedestrian access, crowd control, industry safety standards, night-time use of the site and anticipated opening date.

There was public comment by Frank Cooke, in support of the application. There was also public comment in support of the application by Sharon Pfeffer, who asked questions regarding potential noise generation and house.

Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Clyde seconded the application and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

June 28, 2016

Mr. Clyde made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Ms. Cornish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

January 26, 2016

Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes without changes. Ms. Cornish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn

Mr. Manning asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clyde made a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Green seconded the motion. All approved and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
LaSara Kinser, Planning and Zoning Assistant

Signature: _____
Brian Manning
Chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals

Date: _____