

**CITY OF AUBURN PLANNING BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL CITY HALL**

Present: Crystal Cosentino, Andy Tehan, Elizabeth Koenig, Christina Tomasso

Excused: Sam Giangreco, Theresa Walsh

Staff: Nate Garland, Corporation Counsel; Stephen Selvek, Office of Planning and Economic Development; Greg Gilfus, Traffic Officer; Brian Hicks, Code Enforcement

Agenda Items: Site Plan Presentation for the renovation and construction of an approximate 45,000 SF warehouse addition to the existing building at 34 Wright Ave. Applicant: Currier Plastics.

Items Approved: Site Plan Presentation for the renovation and construction of an approximate 45,000 SF warehouse addition to the existing building at 34 Wright Ave. Applicant: Currier Plastics.

Applications Denied: None

Applications Tabled: None

Crystal Cosentino is Acting Chair for the meeting.

Chair calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Roll is called.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of January 2, 2018 Planning Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair asks for any corrections on the January 2, 2018 meeting minutes. There being none, Chair asks for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion made by Andy Tehan, second by Christina Tomasso. All in favor. No members opposed. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2: Presentation of site plan for the renovation and construction of an approximate 45,000 SF warehouse addition to the existing building at 34 Wright Ave. Applicant: Currier Plastics.

Chair invites applicant to present the project to the Board.

Mark Chambers, C&S Companies – 10,000 SF existing building is being rehabbed. 6 loading docks will be put on the south façade of the new warehouse. Existing paving on the utility corridor located on the right of the building will be removed and replaced with grass. Connective corridor will be 16 feet wide for product transport and people. Corridor will be raised so it does not impact the brook flow.

Stephen Selvek – Clarifies proposed plans. Building to the left is existing. Points out locations and buildings for board members. Lot is 34 Wright Ave and 101 Columbus St. An administrative lot adjustment will be done for merging the lots.

Chair opens the public to be heard portion of the meeting.

Mike Didio, 6 Clymer St., and Owns Apartments at 14 Wright Ave. - States concerns of location of building.

Mark Chambers – The new building will be in the parking lot, behind the current building on Wright Ave.

Mike Didio – How will traffic be affected? Will trucks go over the bridge and head west?

Mark Chambers – Yes.

Mike Didio – Will the new building be air conditioned? Current A/C units on buildings are noisy and his tenants complain.

Project Rep. (name not stated) – No A/C. Will be a warehouse.

Kathi Finizio, 5 Wright Ave. – Does not want any additional commercial property. Not in favor of project. Mentions trucks going down street that are noisy. There are kids on the street. Does not want any more truck traffic.

Mark Chambers – Construction will not increase truck traffic.

Dave Botindari, 3 Wright Ave. – Traffic from Red Star resulted in the death of a child. Will trucks leave from warehouse and go out onto Arterial? Will jobs be created from expansion?

Rep. from Currier (name not stated) – Jobs will be created over time. By 9 years from now.

Marie Didio, 6 Clymer St., Owns Apartments at 14 Wright Ave. – Asks about the road configuration. Any traffic behind homes on Wright Ave?

Project Rep. (name not stated) – The road behind Wright Ave is a fire lane, not thru traffic. It is gated.

Marie Didio – Cooling fans are noisy to the residential properties.

Project Rep. (name not stated) – will look into the noise problem.

Kathi Finizio – Asks what she can do regarding her concerns. How can she stop this project?

Steve Selvek – Another Public to be Heard meeting will be held next month. This board reviews the plans and makes sure it follows regulations.

Dale Buchberger, Owner of Active Physical Therapy Solutions, 91 Columbus St. – Any impacts to traffic on Columbus Street?

Mark Chambers – During construction there will be impacts to traffic, but afterward there won't.

Dale Buchberger – The trucks enter through the Columbus St. entrance where they are not supposed to and affect his clients coming and going from his facility.

Elizabeth Koenig – Are there residences off to the right? How close are they to the new building?

Mark Chambers – Yes, they are houses. Setback is about 25 feet.

Andy Tehan – Where is the truck entrance for the existing storage?

Mark Chambers – Points to the existing entrance/exit. They are the same path.

Staff Comments – Current parking area is where expansion will be. New entrance/exit is beyond the old Red Star building to make sure truck traffic was diverted from Columbus Street. Would like to buffer the

area between the building and residences, however, a fire department would like there to be fire access. Concerns on traffic tonight will be addressed with fire department. Building will be sprinkled. Building will store raw and finished product. The corridor is elevated a couple feet off the ground because of the brook below it. It will not allow for traffic to go under it.

Steve Selvek – Complete plans will be presented to the board next month.

Chair closes public to be heard.

Chair asks for Board questions.

Andy Tehan – Comment on storage. Deliveries to the new warehouse will be made by the normal drivers, not other truck drivers, so they should know the correct route.

Project Rep. (name not stated) – Confirms.

Other Items

Chair – Date for next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn today's meeting made by Christina Tomasso, seconded by Elizabeth Koenig. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Respectively submitted by Holly Glor