MINUTES OF THE LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS JANUARY 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Rebecca Lightle, Thomas Crouch, Stephen Hall, Eugene West, Desmond Woods and Amber Denney

STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Mayor Stephen Collier, Economic Development Director Dan Zuerner, City Engineer Sri Venugopalan, Administrative Assistant Catherine Turner and Board Secretary Renea Rafala

COUNCIL PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Tom Shevlot and Maria Rusomaroff

Mrs. Lightle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Ms. Rafala took roll call. Mrs. Lightle announced a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Hall nominated and motioned for Ms. Lightle to be the Board Chair. The nomination was second by Mr. Crouch and after a roll call vote approved unanimously. Ms. Lightle nominated and motioned for Mr. Crouch to be Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hall and after a roll call vote approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 20, 2020:

The motion for approval was made by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Hall and after a roll call vote were approved unanimously

SPECIAL REQUESTS, WAIVERS OR WITHDRAWALS: None

Old Business:

20-LUV-13 ~ 7551 Oaklandon Rd

Petitioner Pat McAfee presented the request for a Variance of Use to allow C-1 use in SU-1 district. Moxie Management LLC has requested the variance. The proposed improvements will include office and business spaces for Studio recording and live broadcasting. As well as outdoor sports fields solely intended for the private use of the employees and guests. The Pat McAfee Foundation Offices will also be on site a 501(c)(3) organization which provides scholarships to military children.

The following residents spoke against approval: Judy Brown, Jerry Reighley and Michael Smothers The following spoke in favor of approval: Councilor Shevlot and Mayor Collier

Ms. Rafala read letters of support from Economic Director Zuerner, Councilor Russel and resident Eric Prentiss.

Resident Reighley requested the Board require a commitment that the variance be specific to this petitioner only.

After discussion the motion for approval with the commitment that the variance be specific to this petitioner only was made by Mr. Hall. The motion was second by Mr. West and passed unanimously.

New Business:

21-LSV-01 ~ 4315 and 4327 Sellers St; 7608 and 7612 Pendleton Pike; 4230 Hull St

Petitioner representative, Kris Holyfield and Jon Janssen, presented the request for a Variance of Development Standards of Table 744-201-3: Dimensional Standards for Districts C-1, C-2, C-4, C-5, C-7 and C-S; Table 744-201-6: Dimensional Standard for Districts I-1 through I-4; and Table 744-302-F: Construction of Sidewalks in the Right-of-Way; Table 742-104-E-4-a: Windows/doors/transparency to redevelop the property and construct a new RaceTrac fueling station.

Councilor Shevlot spoke in favor of the petition and recommended approval by the Board.

Economic Director Zuerner told the Board we are investing millions into this district and this facility will add to the credibility of the area. The City supports the petition and recommends approval.

After discussion and a roll call vote the petition was approved with no commitments unanimously.

21-LUSV-02 ~ 8932 E. 42nd St

Petitioner representative, Joe Calderon and Dan Penn, presented Variance of Use and Development Standards of Table 743-1 to provide for a self-storage facility without the required 50-foot landscaped buffer on the north and west sides of the property.

Councilor Rusomaroff requested the landscaping area along the north side of the property be increased.

After discussion the motion for a commitment to use Arbor Deciduous Trees along the north side of the property was made by Mr. Hall. The motion was second by Mr. Crouch and passed unanimously.

After a roll call vote the petition passed with the commitment to use Arbor Deciduous Trees along the north side of the property unanimously.

There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Rebecca Lightle, Chair Renea Rafala, Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.