

PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. Weeks, Acting Chairman, led in the flag salute.

Mr. Weeks called the first application, Carlos Navarro, 7 Railroad Avenue, seeks permission to open a florist. Applicant also seeks approval from Architectural Advisory Board for signage, awnings and exterior modifications. Subject premises is located in the D-3 Business Zone.

Mr. Eric Bjerneby, EAB Architects, stepped forward with Paula Navarro and presented the certificates of mailings to Ms. Giglio.

Ms. Navarro stated, I am opening an old fashioned florist.

Mr. Weeks asked, this is going in the old Patchogue Plate and Glass building and they had garage doors, correct?

Ms. Navarro answered, yes. The building currently has not windows, no storefront. We are proposed a new storefront window and kickplate. We will have windows on both sides of the door because the plants in light. We are also proposing awnings and redoing the stucco.

Mr. Weeks stated, there is an overhead garage door in the rear.

Ms. Navarro answered, we will be putting a brand new one there. There is a storage trailer back there and we are not sure who it belongs to.

Mr. Weeks commented, you want to see Joe Brandi in the building dept. regarding garbage. If you need parking, you may want to see about leasing two spaces from the building on the corner.

Ms. Kelly asked, what are your hours of operation?

Ms. Navarro answered, 9am-5pm. We will be an FTD florist and have arrangements, flowers and a large section for plans. We will also have a walk in cooler.

Ms. Greguski stated, so there is just a shell there now. What kind of work needs to be done?

Ms. Navarro stated, lighting with track lights, high ceilings, paint and some cinder block to grow ivy.

Mr. Logan made a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Rodriguez Greguski. All were in favor.

Mr. Logan asked about relocation of the stairway, egress window, etc.

Mr. Bjorneby acknowledged.

Ms. Navarro stated, the front and rear windows will be able to be opened.

Mr. Logan commented, before you open, the fire inspector will need to approve your egress etc.

Ms. Navarro acknowledged.

Ms. Kelly asked, do you have another florist location?

Ms. Navarro answered, I have been in business in Ronkonkoma for 15 years and am closing that site because we wanted to purchase a building in Patchogue Village. We love Patchogue... we couldn't get a building on Main St. so we purchased this building on Railroad Ave.

Ms. Kelly asked, so will you service funerals and weddings?

Ms. Navarro answered, yes.

Ms. Kelly asked, so do you have a van for deliveries?

Ms. Navarro answered, yes.

Ms. Kelly stated, check with the building on the corner of Railroad and South St. I know he leases spaces.

Mr. Weeks stated, so an open plan?

Ms. Navarro answered, yes, new floor, 2 new bathrooms and a walk-in cooler. I want an open area in front for possible workshops.

Mr. Logan asked, how many employees will you have?

Ms. Navarro answered, four including me.

Mr. Logan asked, is inventory hard with the pandemic?

Ms. Navarro answered, yes, a lot of the carnation farms are closed.

Ms. Zorzenon stated, we met at the work session last month regarding the awnings, signage and elevations. We are okay with the three black awnings on the west elevation, new door, and windows. The one change is to have the awnings striped. We are also good with the proposed wall sign.

Ms. Navarro stated, we would also like to add a blade sign. Double sided.

Ms. Zorzenon commented, bring a rendering in and submit it to Carol Giglio and we will review it. Also, what about a rear sign on the east elevation?

Ms. Navarro answered, we can look into that.

Ms. Zorzenon stated, if you decide to add it, again, please submit it to the building dept.

Mr. Logan commented, the board does not allow LED lights, only 25% paper signs in windows.

Ms. Zorzenon stated, also, they will have three black gooseneck lights on the west elevation.

Mr. Weeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the application?

Mr. John Bojac, 8 Noxon, stepped forward and stated, one thing, maybe the signs should have added Village of Patchogue on them. When you enter the village, you would know it.

Ms. Kelly stated, they are private signs for private businesses. Any Village of Patchogue signs should be on village property.

Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the application pending any permits requires and final fire inspection. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. All were in favor.

Ms. Zorzenon made a motion to approve the ARB portion of the application with modifications to include three goosenecks. Seconded by Mr. Logan. All were in favor.

Mr. Logan made a motion to close the hearing. Seconded by Ms. Greguski. All were in favor.

Present:

- Kevin Weeks, Acting Chairman
- Patti Kelly
- Eva Rodriguez Greguski
- Dennis Logan
- Karen Zorzenon, Alternate
- Carol Giglio, Coordinator



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