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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD Project Review
NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA**

TO: City of Ithaca Project Review Committee (Planning & Development Board)
FROM: Lisa Nicholas, Acting Director of Planning and Development
DATE: January 10, 2022
SUBJECT: **Agenda for Project Review Committee Meeting: FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022**

The Project Review Committee Meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am. This is a virtual meeting and will be streamed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7RtJN1P_RFaFW2IVCnTrDg. Please call or email Anya Harris at 274-6550 or aharris@cityofithaca.org, for information

8:30 Project: Expansion of Religious Facility
Location: 102 Willard Way/107 Lake St
Applicant: Jason K Demarest for Chabad Center at Cornell

Anticipated Board Action(s) in January: Short Presentation, Review of FEAF Part 3

Project Description: The applicant is proposing to construct a two-story building with a footprint of approximately 5,000 SF as an expansion of the existing Chabad Center located at 102 Willard Way. The proposal requires the consolidation of the two lots to form a .549-acre (23,914 SF) project site and the removal of the existing house at 107 Lake Street. The new building will have ground floor parking and bike storage. The second floor will connect with the existing building and will house dining facilities, a kitchen, bathrooms, classrooms, and other facilities. Exterior site improvements and structures include a patio, an elevated courtyard, an access drive on Lake Street, landscaping, and walkways. The project is in the R-2a Zoning District and will require variances for lot coverage, front-, rear- and side-yards, and parking. This is a Type 1 Action under the City of Ithaca Environmental Quality Review Ordinance §176-4 B.(1)(n) and the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") §617.4 b.(11) and is subject to environmental review.

Project materials are available for download from the City website and are updated regularly:
<https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1411>

8:50 Project: Catherine Commons
Location: Intersection of Catherine Street, Cook Street, and College Avenue
Applicant: Kathryn Wolf, TWMLA

Anticipated Board Action(s) in January: Review of FEAF Part 3

Project Description: The applicant proposes to demolish the existing (11) two-story wood frame houses and construct a primarily residential mixed-use development. The applicant proposes three multi-story buildings on the Catherine North Site and three multi-story buildings on the Catherine South Site (six buildings total) with a combined total gross floor area of 265,000 SF. The buildings will contain approximately 360 residential units, a 2,600-SF commercial space along College Avenue, a 1,600-SF private fitness center, and a small parking lot for ADA compliance and service vehicles. The project includes streetscape improvements, several ADA-compliant plaza spaces, pedestrian amenities, and public bus stop infrastructure. The project is in four Zoning Districts: the MU1, in which the maximum building height is five stories/70 feet; MU2, in which the maximum building height is six stories/80 feet; CR3, in which the maximum height is 35 feet; and CR4, in which the maximum height is 45 feet. The project will require several area variances including maximum

building floors/height (two), minimum off-street parking, maximum street façade, doors and entries, recessed entry, chamfered corner, and rear yard setback (two). It is also subject to Collegetown Design Guidelines. The project involves 12 tax parcels totaling 1.45 acres, seven of which are located north of the Catherine Street /College Avenue intersection and four of which are to the south. Parcel consolidation will be required. This has been determined to be a Type 1 Action under the City of Ithaca Environmental Quality Review Ordinance §176-4 B(1)(h)[4], (k) & (n), and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) §617.4 (b)(5)[iii] and is subject to environmental review.

Project materials are available for download from the City website and are updated regularly:

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1385>

9:10 Project: Ithaca Farmers’ Market – Major Site Improvements & New Building
Location: Steamboat Landing – 545 Third Street
Applicant: David Stern for Ithaca Farmers’ Market
Anticipated Board Action(s) in January: Consideration of the Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance

Project Description: The applicant is proposing to construct a new two-story market building to allow for year-round commerce and programming, to reconfigure and pave the existing parking area and drive lanes, to create outdoor amenity space for dining and gathering, to install shoreline stabilization, and to make other site improvements. The project requires the demolition of most site features, relocation of the Cayuga Waterfront Trail, removal of numerous trees, and installation of enhanced stormwater infrastructure. The project is on City-owned land and requires approvals from Common Council, the Special Joint Committee of the Ithaca Area Water Treatment Plant, NYS DEC, and the Army Corps of Engineers. The project site is in the Market District and is subject to Design Review. This is a Type 1 Action under the City of Ithaca Environmental Quality Review Ordinance §176-4 B.(1)(b), (h)[2] and (i) and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) §617.4 b. (10) and (11) and is subject to environmental review.

Project materials are available for download from the City website and are updated regularly:

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1380>

9:30 Project: City Harbor
Location: 101 Pier Road
Applicant: Jessica Edger-Hillman
Anticipated Board Action(s) in January: Review of Changes for Phase 1 & 2

Project Description: The Planning Board granted preliminary site plan approval to the overall project on May 26, 2020, and final approval of Phase 1 of this project on August 25, 2020. The applicant now seeks approval for changes to Phase 1 as well as final approval for Phase 2 which will be now constructed concurrently. Phase 1 included the rebuilding of Pier Road to include sidewalks, street trees, a fire engine turnaround, and additional and reorganized parking, all improvements on private property with the exception of the construction of Point East 2 Building (which will be used as greenspace and parking) and the temporary relocation of the fueling dock and tank. The Phase I changes include: Point West & Point East buildings unit mix changing to more 1-bedroom units, ground level enclosed parking in both buildings, café in place of a restaurant in Point West, and expanded public spaces along the waterfront. Phase 2 of the project did include the construction of the Point East 2 Building, additional parking at the golf course, installation of the new fueling dock and tank, the 5,500 SF Newman Community Center, removal of the existing clubhouse and relocation of the ninth green. Phase II will now not include a new Newman Community Center in this project. The overall project was determined to be a Type 1 Action under the City of Ithaca Environmental Quality Review Ordinance §176-4(B)(1)(d), (h)(2), (i), (k) and (n) and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) §617.4(b)(6)(iii) and (v), for which the Planning Board, acting as Lead Agency, issued a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance on May 26, 2020.

Project materials are available for download from the City website and are updated regularly:

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/Index/783>

9:50 Agenda Review – January 25, 2022

10:00 Adjourn

ACCESSING ONLINE DOCUMENTS

Site Plan Review & Subdivision Application Documents

Site Plan Review application documents are accessible electronically via the "Document Center" on the City web site (<http://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter>), under "Planning & Development" > "Site Plan Review Project Applications," and in the relevant street address folder. Subdivision application materials can be similarly located, but in the "Subdivision Applications" folder.