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**CITY OF COLUMBIA**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES**

June 2, 2022 – 4:00 PM

City Hall  
1737 Main Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

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**In attendance:** Gene Dinkins, Jr., Marcellous Primus, John Gregory, Kathryn Fenner, John Guignard, Celia Mackintosh, and Sherard Duvall

**Absent:**

**Staff:** Hope Hasty, Erica Jaen, Skye Robinson Barnes, Andrew Livengood

**I. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Gene Dinkins Jr., chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M.

Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator, explained the format of the meeting. She stated that the public had the ability to call in and be placed in the queue to speak, leave a message to be read into the record, or send an email which would be read into the record.

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) were introduced along with staff. Quorum was confirmed. Applicants and others who wished to speak were sworn in.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approve May 5, 2022 Minutes**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. 2022-0019-SE 902 Gervais Street Suite C (TMS# 08916-02-01)** Special exception to permit a type 2 eating and drinking establishment (Daquon Doyle, Silk Restaurant Vista, LLP) (RAC, OV-CC, OV-HP, OV-HSV)
- 3. 2022-0023-SE 2501 Harlem Street (TMS# 13514-01-08)** Special exception to expand a place of worship (Anthony Lawrence, MOTA) (RM-1)

Ms. Hasty reviewed the consent agenda.

Pause provided for public input. No input received.

**Ms. Fenner made motion to approve the consent agenda subject to staff comments.**

**Motion seconded by Mr. Duvall. All Aye. Motion Passed 7-0.**

**III. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

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**B. NEW BUSINESS**

4. **2022-0021-V 105 (111) Sparkman Drive (TMS# 16200-04-18)** Variance to the minimum parking standard for light industrial uses (Frank Cason, LDE, LLC) (LI)

Ms. Hasty introduced the variance request.

Applicant's representative, Frank Dougherty, provided a brief overview of the proposed project request. Discussion between board and applicant ensued.

Pause provided for public input. No input received. Board further discussed proposal.

**Ms. Fenner made motion to approve subject to staff comments**  
**Mr. Gregory seconded the motion. All aye, motion passed 7-0.**

5. **2022-0022-SE 631, 635, 639 Elmwood Avenue, et al (TMS# 09011-01-13, 09011-01-17, 09012-01-13, 09008-01-04 & 09008-01-02)** Special exception to establish an elementary, middle, or high school (Annette Iraola, Columbia School Development, LLC) (MU-2, RM-2, OV-CC)

Ms. Hasty introduced the special exception request.

Applicant's representative, Dr. Ott, Agent for Columbia School Development, LLC and Director of Clear Dot Charter School, made presentation regarding proposal request. Discussion between board and applicant ensued.

Pause provided for public input.

Denise Wellman, representing the Downtown Neighborhood Association, spoke to the possible increase in traffic and traffic calming measures her community suggested to Clear Dot.

Emily Burn, representing Earlewood Community Citizen's Organization, spoke to the possible increase in traffic and traffic calming measures her community suggested to Clear Dot.

John Wilkinson, representing Elmwood park Neighborhood Organization, spoke to the possible increase in traffic and traffic calming measures his community suggested to Clear Dot.

Multiple members of the public spoke in support of the special exception. One member of the public spoke in opposition.

Applicant was given time to respond to the points of concern including the traffic calming measures. Board discussion resumed.

**Mr. Dinkins made a motion to approve subject to staff comments and the condition that Clear Dot must agree to meet with City of Columbia traffic engineer and any**

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neighborhood association that would like to be part of the meeting to discuss traffic calming measures.

Mr. Gregory seconded the motion. All aye, motion passed 7-0.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Mackintosh**  
**Motion seconded by Mr. Guignard. Motion passed 7-0.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 6:03P.M.**