

JERSEY CITY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE VIRTUAL MEETING

In accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-12, the "Open Public Meetings Act," you are hereby notified of a Virtual Meeting of the Jersey City Zoning Board of Adjustment on the Regular Meeting date of February 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

ADVISORIES

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means in accordance with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" of 2020, which explicitly permits a public body to conduct a meeting electronically during a state of emergency. Governor Murphy issued Executive Orders 103 and 107 declaring a "Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency" and directing residents to quarantine and practice social distancing.

Any questions can be directed to the City Planning main line during business hours at 201-547-5010 or via email at cityplanning@jcnj.org.

No new matter involving an applicant will be started after 11PM. At 10PM the Board Chair will decide and advise applicants whether they will be heard. If an applicant cannot be heard because of the lateness of the hour, the matter will be carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting with preservation of notice.

The Board Chair may change the order in which the agenda items are called.

VIRTUAL MEETING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

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- After clicking "raise hand" listen for your name, phone number or other ID, given to you during login. Permissions to speak will be then granted to you and you must be sworn in before you can give comments.
- The Board will determine how long each commenter will speak, and when your time expires your microphone will be muted.
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ACCESS DIGITAL PLANS AND APPLICATION MATERIALS

To access and download digital plans, agendas have hyperlinks to where you can find digital plans, reports and other materials for all applications to be presented. Within the agenda, click on a link for the case you wish to review. See links below. Alternatively, you can search by address or case number to review digital plans at the [Jersey City Data Portal](#).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Sunshine Announcement
3. Roll Call
4. Swear in Staff
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business
7. Adjournments

- a. [Case: Z20-090](#) Administrative Amendment
Applicant: Singh Realty, LLC
Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP
Address: 3294 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Attorney: Charles Harrington III, Esq.
Block: 4301 Lot: 45
Zone: R-1
For: Proposed amendments to previously approved Case Z17-053 for Minor Site Plan Approval with D(1) Use Variance. The proposed amendment includes façade material changes, window placement changes, and interior layout changes.

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- b. [Case: Z20-091](#) Administrative Amendment
Applicant: David Emanuel for Eyland of Roxbury, LLC
Review Planner: Erica Baptiste
Address: 13 Boland Street
Attorney: Pro Se
Block: 14905 Lot(s): 14

Zone: R-1, One- and two-family

For: Administrative amendment to previous approval to change façade material from fiber cement to brick.

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- c. [Case: Z20-015](#) 'c' variances

Address: 155 Laidlaw Avenue

Applicant: Hudson Home Builder, LLC

Review Planner: Mallory Clark-Sokolov, AICP

Attorney: Stephen Joseph, Esq.

Block: 5602

Lot: 12

Zone: R1

Description: Construction of a three (3) story, two (2) unit structure on an undersized lot

Variance: combined front yard and rear yard setback, rear yard minimum

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- d. [Case: Z20-063](#) "c" and "d" variances

Applicant: 377 Ogden Avenue JC LLC

Review Planner: Erica Baptiste

Address: 90 Webster Avenue

Attorney: Benjamin A. Nadell, Esq.

Block: 4505 Lot(s): 16

Zone: R-1, One- and two-family

For: Proposal to renovate and expand existing two (2) family dwelling to create a three (3) family dwelling along with associated site improvements including landscaping and balcony improvements. Applicant will also remove existing 1 car garage located on the ground floor.

"d" Variances: use

"c" Variances: front yard setback, rear yard setback

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- e. [Case: Z20-069](#) Prel. & Final Major Site Plan Amendment w/ "d" & "c" Variances

Applicant: BLDG up Management

Review Planner: Erica Baptiste

Address: 130 Summit Avenue

Attorney: Patrick Conlon, Esq.

Block: 1617 Lot(s): 16A

Zone: R-1, One- and two-family

For: Rehabilitation and restoration of existing church to adaptively re-use it for residential use. New construction of two new five story residential buildings that will be connected to the existing church. The project proposes 82 units and thirty (30) parking spaces.

"d" Variances: use, height

"c" Variances: front yard setback, rear yard setback, parking requirements and rooftop appurtenances

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f. [Case: Z20-048](#)

Applicant: 1041 Bela, LLC

Review Planner: Matt Ward, PP AICP

Address: 1041 Garfield Avenue

Attorney: Stephen Joseph

Block: 19703

Lot: 36

Zone: Parks / Open Space District

For: Proposed renovation of a structure for ice cream production and retail uses.

"d" Variances: d(1) use variances

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g. [Case: Z20-078](#)

For: Minor Site Plan w/ "d" Variance

Address: 84 Ferry Street

Applicant: 6th Boro Development LLC

Review Planner: Timothy Krehel, AICP PP

Attorney: Stephen Joseph, Esq.

Block: 4402 Lot: 40

Zone: R-1

Description: Proposed rear yard expansion of an existing non-conforming multifamily use.

Variance(s): Expansion of a preexisting non-conforming use.

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8. New Business

9. [Case: Z20-033](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with "d" Variances

Applicant: 475 Communipaw Ave JT, LLC

Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP

Address: 475 Communipaw Avenue

Attorney: Stephen Joseph, Esq.

Block: 17206 Lot(s): 12

Zone: R-1

For: Proposed five (5)-story mixed-use building containing forty (40) dwelling units, 6,177 SF of ground floor commercial space, and twenty-two (22) parking spaces. Four (4) of the one (1)-bedroom residential units will be affordable units.

"d" Variances: Use, Height

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Also carried from: 1/14/2021

10. [Case: Z20-059](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan w/ "d" & "c" Variances

Applicant: Sam Steinberg

Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP

Address: 387-391 1st Street

Attorney: Charles J. Harrington, Esq.

Block: 12603 Lot(s): 8-10

Zone: R-5

For: Proposed four (4)-story multi-family building containing twelve (12) dwelling units and nine (9) parking spaces.

“d” Variances: Density

“c” Variances: Rear yard setback, Building coverage, Lot coverage, Landscaping, Drive aisle width

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Also carried from: 12/16/2020, 1/14/2021

11. [Case: Z20-084](#) “a” Appeal

Applicant: Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy, Inc.

Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP

Address: 500 Communipaw Avenue

Attorney: Cynthia A. Hadjiyannis, Esq.

Block: 17003 Lot(s): 36

Zone: NC – Neighborhood Commercial

For: Applicant seeks to appeal the findings of a Determination of Significance issued by the City determining that the structure at 500 Communipaw Avenue does not possess historic integrity that would prevent its demolition.

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12. [Case: Z20-047](#) Prel. & Final Major Site Plan Amendment w/ “d” & “c” Variances

Applicant: Arlington Avenue Group LLC

Review Planner: Cameron Black, AICP, PP

Address: 286-294 Arlington Avenue

Attorney: Stephen Joseph Esq.

Block: 19801 Lot(s): 13 & 14

Zone: R-1

For: Proposal to increase the lot coverage and to reduce the height, parking, and unit count of a previously approved project (Z15-034)

“d” Variances: Use, Height

“c” Variances: Maximum building coverage, Maximum lot coverage, setbacks, and parking

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Also carried from: 1/14/2021

9. [Case: Z20-071](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with “d” & “c” Variances

Applicant: 859 Communipaw Jersey City, LLC

Review Planner: Cameron C. Black

Address: 851-859 Communipaw Avenue

Attorney: Charles Harrington III, Esq.

Block: 18206 Lot(s): 8, 9, & 10

Zone: Commercial Automotive

For: Proposed ninety (90) unit, six (6) story residential building with 10 percent (9 units) moderate affordable units, ground floor commercial (3,794 sq. ft.), and 39 parking spaces.

“d” Variances: Use and Height

“c” Variances: Compact car spaces

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10. [Case: Z20-072](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with “d” & “c” Variances
Applicant: 869 Communipaw Jersey City, LLC
Review Planner: Cameron C. Black
Address: 869-877 Communipaw Avenue
Attorney: Charles Harrington III, Esq.
Block: 18206 Lot(s): 5, 6, and 7
Zone: Commercial Automotive
For: Proposed 70 unit six story residential building, ground floor commercial (1,530 sq. ft.), and 27 parking spaces.
“d” Variances: Use and Height
“c” Variances: Compact car spaces

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11. [Case: Z20-095](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with “d” & “c” Variances
Applicant: Devi Ma Communipaw, LLC
Review Planner: Cameron C. Black
Address: 847-849 Communipaw Avenue
Attorney: Donald M. Pepe, Esq.
Block: 18206 Lot(s): 11
Zone: Commercial Automotive
For: A thirty-five (35) unit six (6)-story building with 12 parking spaces.
“d” Variances: Use and Height
“c” Variances: Rear yard setback, building coverage and lot coverage

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11. [Case: Z19-103](#) “d” and “c” Variances
Applicant: Arvind and Kalpana Patel
Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP
Address: 795 Secaucus Road
Attorney: Eugene O’Connell, Esq.
Block: 401 Lot(s): 21
Zone: R-1
For: Proposed third dwelling unit in an existing two (2)-family home.
“d” Variances: Use
“c” Variances: Landscaping

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12. [Case: Z20-025](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with “d” & “c” Variances
Applicant: Nooran, LLC
Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP
Address: 319-321 Old Bergen Road
Attorney: Eugene O’Connell, Esq.
Block: 27005 Lot(s): 5.01, 5.02
Zone: R-1
For: Proposed four (4)-story multi-family building containing ten (10) dwelling units and eight (8) ground floor parking spaces.
“d” Variances: Use, Height
“c” Variances: Curb cut width, Drive aisle width

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13. [Case: Z20-017](#) Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan with “d” & “c” Variances
Applicant: Nicola Flora
Review Planner: Lindsey Sigmund, AICP
Address: 67 Clifton Place
Attorney: Robert Weinberg, Esq.
Block: 15302 Lot(s): 44
Zone: R-1
For: Proposed renovation and expansion of an existing four (4)-story three (3)-unit residential building, increasing the total unit count to six (6) units. Four (4) compact surface parking spaces are proposed.
“d” Variances: Expansion of a Non-conforming Use, Height
“c” Variances: Compact parking, Drive aisle width

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12. Memorialization of Resolutions
13. Executive Session, as needed, to discuss litigation, personnel or other matters
14. Adjournment

Joshua Jacobs, Board of Adjustment Chairperson
Kate Donnelly, Board of Adjustment Vice Chairperson