



# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING 'MOTIONS'

Stonecrest City Hall's ZOOM-Virtual, 6:00 PM

May 18, 2021

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## I. Call to Order

Chairman Erica Williams called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

## II. Roll Call

Chairman Erica Williams called the roll. Ms. Sonja Hicks, Mr. Michael Armstrong, Ms. Louise Alexander, and Mrs. Dee Tynes (joined meeting at 6:35 PM). There was a quorum.

Planning & Zoning Director Jim Summerbell and Attorney Shirnelle Council from Fincher Denmark, LLC were present.

## III. Minutes

The Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes Summary dated March 16, 2021 was **unanimously APPROVED**. Mr. Michael Armstrong motioned to **APPROVE**. Ms. Sonja Hicks seconded the motion.

## IV. Old Business: None

## V. New Business:

### A. Introduction of New Staff:

The Chairman turned the floor over to the Planning & Zoning Director Mr. Jim Summerbell. Mr. Summerbell introduced himself, the City Clerk Ms. Patricia Wheeler and Finance Director Ms. Gia Scruggs to the Zoning Board.

City Manager Ms. Janice A. Jackson and Deputy City Manager Mr. Jim Nichols were not in attendance.

### B. Public Hearing(s):

Land Use Petition:	V-21-002
Petitioner:	Altair Sign and Light (representative for HONDA)
Location:	7970 Mall Parkway, Stonecrest, GA 30038
Current Zoning:	Stonecrest Overlay Tier 2, underlying zoning C-1 (Local Commercial)
Proposed Development:	Request to exceed maximum number of allowed Wall Signs from 2 to 6.

Mr. Summerbell presented **PETITION V-21-002**. The Staff recommended **APPROVAL**

of **PETITION V-21-002 with the recommended conditions that the additional signage be consistent with that submitted with the variance application**, specifically as shown on the Elevation Plan on page 3 of the staff report.

The applicant, Ms. Felicia Johnson from Altair Sign & Light and Mr. Riyad Brothers, presented **PETITION V-21-002**.

The Chairman asked for those in support to speak. There was one (1):

1. Mr. Riyad Brothers, HONDA'S Representative, 47 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806, is in support.

The Chairman asked for those in opposition to speak. There were two (2):

1. Mr. Dave Marcus of 6501 Rockland Rd, Stonecrest, GA 30038 is opposed.
2. Ms. Felesia Edwards is opposed.

Chairman closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Mr. Armstrong motioned to **APPROVE PETITION V-21-002 with Staff's recommended conditions**. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. The vote was four (4) to one (1) and not unanimous. The Chairman, Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Alexander, and Mrs. Dee Tyner voted to **APPROVE PETITION V-21-002 with Staff's recommended conditions**. Ms. Hicks opposed the approval.

#### **VI. Adjournment:**

The vote was carried **unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. Mrs. Tyner motioned to **adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion.

**Note:** Immediately following the meeting adjournment, two (2) additional public comments were emailed to the Secretary of the Zoning Board from:

1. Ms. Zazie Lumpkin sent an email at 9:48 PM and is in opposition to placing six (6) signs instead of the two (2) allowed that are specified by the ordinance.
2. Ms. Kecia McPherson sent an email at 10:33 PM and ask that we limit the number of signs to two (2).