**PLANNING BOARD**

**Village of East Syracuse**

**December 12, 2016**

Chairperson Ronald Gustafson called the meeting of the Village of East Syracuse Planning Board for Monday, December 12, 2016 to order at 4:35PM.

Present: Planning Board members: Bob Murphy, Mike Rendino, Liz Landry, and Chairperson Ron Gustafson. Also present: Village Engineer OBG Stephen Snell, Director of Code Enforcement Randy Capriotti, and Village Clerk Patricia J. Derby.

Excused: Planning Board members Dick Robb.

On Behalf of Applicant Islamic Cultural Center of Bosnians’ In Syracuse: Project Engineer Joseph A. Mastroianni, PE, Ryan Files, Esq., Carol O’Hara, Saban Zahirovic, and Mirzet Hajdarevic.

**Islamic Cultural Center of Bosnians’ In Syracuse**

**720 Hartwell Ave**

**Tax Map # 006-01-02.1**

Applicantreturns again after having attended Planning Board meetings on September 12th and November 14th regarding proposed new construction of 80’ x 80’ facility at 720 Hartwell Ave – former driving range property.

Revised drawings for Proposed Site Plan (P-2), Grading & Drainage Plan (P-3), Landscape & Lighting (P-4), Lighting Simulation Plan (P-5) Details (D-6), dated 11/20/16 were submitted following comments from the Planning Board at the last meeting.

Planning Board member Dick Robb submitted comments concerning Brick versus Block (dated 12/7/16). [Attached and made a part of this record]

**Joseph Mastroianni, Project Engineer** provided an update and highlighted the changes made to plans.

Changes were made in response to comments from Onondaga County DOT concerning the entrance and 2 feet at the edge of the pavement. Not part of the site plan but they were concerns of the County.

Mr. Mastroianni continued noting the changes made regarding the row of parking at the front proposed to be eliminated. Because of adjustments to the permeable pond with the 1 foot drop leading to 4 foot depth when this was stretched out it impacted the parking in the back so reinstated the parking in the front row. This maintains 138 parking spaces.

Discussed the pond. It is not a dry pond. Will be a permanent pool with water table never draining out. It will be maintained wet and develop an ecological community. Village Engineer Steve Snell noted that when built to specifications it does not promote mosquito growth that shallower ponds tend to.

Mr. Mastroianni noted it does not have a fountain – no flow to water. P-4 shows aquatic plants, some selected to attract birds and wildlife. Pond is not fenced in. Fencing makes more difficult to see and maintain. Because private property will have to be secure and maintained.

Discussed the swale and storm water report required by DEC. Swale reduces storm water and roof disconnects send towards catch basins. OBG is still reviewing changes to SWPPS.

Village Engineers commented that with the pond elevations at 407 and storm sewer at 404 there will be standing water in the storm sewer. This may cause maintenance issues in the privately owned line. [Survey attached]

Mr. Mastroianni reported on changes to landscaping plan. Added column to show mature heights. Also added red bud trees for seasonal color.

Village Engineer Steve Snell commented on lighting simulation. Not all poles are shown and it does not take into consideration adjustments. Mr. Mastroianni stated that the lights will be pointed down – will see light but will be “zero sky”. Mr. Mastroianni will have the expert look at again to show all poles and illumination.

Director of Code Enforcement Randy Capriotti is okay with parking, except need to increase one more handicap. Need one for every 25 spaces or five.

Discussed the sewer easement. There is an existing sanitary sewer to connect to. Still trying to determine whose it is.

Mr. Mastroianni noted that there are 150 families in the Village and neighboring area. Chose this location because these families are here and want to be part of their community. Many located to this area because of the Bosnian war.

Mr. Mastroianni addressed Planning Board member Dick Robb’s comment regarding design. Cannot design footers without doing soil borings. Costs for foundation designs could be $10,000 to $13,000. Cannot provide at this point.

Reviewed stone samples. Looking to do a white block. White is a symbol of purity. Do not want red brick because in their culture it denotes a communist country. That is a conflict for their culture. Cost for brick is twice as much as block. Block is typically treated with a protectant to keep dirt off and stop UV rays. [Provided drawings for structural block wall section]

The munara will be made of fiberglass with a steel structure inside. Not intended to be inside – only a symbol. Designed to withstand 120 mph winds, similar to cell towers. Dome will be white with a slight blue tint, translucent fiberglass. [Façade drawings attached and Islamic Architecture illustrations]

Mr. Mastroianni reported that this project is meant to be a part of the community. The soccer fields and basketball courts will be open and available for community to use.

Discussed the fencing. Asked that the chain-link be treated black epoxy in areas in front near the ornamental fencing.

Director of Code Enforcement Capriotti asked that changes to lighting, fencing and handicap parking be submitted in a full set of plans as soon as possible for Engineers to review so that can wrap this up at next meeting.

Planning Board member Bob Murphy reports that SEQR is mostly completed.

Next meeting will be **Monday, January 9th** at **4:30PM.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Solar Energy Systems**

Planning Board will hold on review of local law until codification process is complete.

**Design Guidelines**

Will continue following completion of pending application.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia J. Derby

Village Clerk