

**REGULAR MEETING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Nyack Village Hall
Nyack, New York

November 25, 2013

Present: Catherine H. Friesen, Chair
Robert Knoebel, Sr.
Mary Ann Armano
John Dunnigan
Ellyse Berg

In Memoriam:
Raymond O'Connell

Absent: Roger Cohen (alternate)

The following resolution was offered by Member Friesen, seconded by Member Dunnigan, and carried based upon a review of the evidence presented at the public hearing held on November 25, 2013.

**BOARD OF APPEALS
VILLAGE OF NYACK, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND**

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In the Matter of the application of Nidia Alexander on behalf of Café Barcel (162 Main Street) for two Area Variances from VON Code Section 360-4.11E(1)(c)(1) for installation of signs

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The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public meeting on the 25th Day of November, 2013, and due deliberations having been made that day;

Now, upon said hearing and upon the evidence adduced thereat, it is hereby found and determined that:

FINDINGS OF FACT & CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

FIRST: Applicant Nidia Alexander petitions the Zoning Board for area variances as set forth above.

SECOND: The ZBA, in reaching its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law has taken the following factual testimony and evidence under consideration:

1. The application and supporting documents submitted;

2. Testimony of Nidia Alexander, Applicant;
3. ZBA members' knowledge of the site in question;
4. Site visits by all members of the ZBA;
5. Building Inspector's Plan Review Summary dated November 25, 2013;
6. There was no testimony from any member of the public.

THIRD: The site in question is located in the DMU zoning district. The Applicant has been the lessee of the property for the last four years.

FOURTH: The Applicant proposes to install hand painted signs on the front and side of the building. The proposed signs are custom designed by an artist.

FIFTH: The ARB approved the signage and offered a positive recommendation to the ZBA on November 20, 2013.

These Findings of Fact were moved and passed. (5-0)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

On oral motion, the Zoning Board voted to consider the variances in an omnibus fashion.

The Zoning Board considered the factors set forth in Section 7-712-b(3)(b) of the Village Law of the State of New York as follows:

(1) whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance; (2) whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance; (3) whether the requested area variance is substantial; (4) whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district; and (5) whether the alleged difficulty was self-created; which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

FIRST: That the proposed variances do not create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. This conclusion was reached based upon deliberations of the Zoning Board at the public hearing, and based upon the factual findings set forth above in paragraphs 4 and 5. (5-0).

SECOND: That the Applicant has demonstrated that there are no other means by which he could achieve his purpose without the requested variances. This conclusion was reached based upon deliberations of the Zoning Board at the public hearing, and based upon the factual findings set forth above in paragraph 4. (5-0)

THIRD: That the variances are not substantial in light of the current conditions on the site. This conclusion was reached based upon deliberations of the Zoning Board at the public hearing, and based upon the factual findings set forth above in paragraph 4 and 5. (5-0)

FOURTH: That the proposed variances will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district. This conclusion was reached based upon deliberations of the Zoning Board at the public hearing, and based upon the factual findings set forth above in paragraphs 4 and 5. (5-0)

FIFTH: That the hardship is self-created. This conclusion was reached based upon deliberations of the Zoning Board at the public hearing, and based upon the factual findings set forth above in paragraphs 3 and 4. (5-0)

The Board has weighed the findings of fact and the conclusions of law against one another as required under Section 7-712-b of the Village Law of the State of New York and finds in the interest of justice that the variances applied for should be GRANTED with the following conditions:

1. The directives of the Architectural Review Board are followed;

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5 (Friesen, Armano, Knoebel, Dunnigan, Berg)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Catherine H. Friesen
CATHERINE H. FRIESEN, Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals, Nyack