

1 PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

2 TOWN OF COLONIE

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CROSSINGS APARTMENTS

23 AND 40 AVIATION ROAD

BOARD UPDATE ON REVISED ELEVATIONS

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6 THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled  
7 matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter,  
8 commencing on March 8, 2016 at 7:11 p.m. at The Public  
Operations Center, 347 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, New  
York

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10 BOARD MEMBERS:  
11 PETER STUTO, CHAIRMAN  
12 TIMOTHY LANE  
13 LOU MION  
14 CRAIG SHAMLIAN  
15 SUSAN MILSTEIN

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18 ALSO PRESENT:

19 Kathleen Marinelli, Esq. Counsel to the Planning Board

20 Michael Tengeler, Planning and Economic Development

21 Joseph LaCivita, Director, Planning and Economic  
22 Development

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24 Michael Crisafulli, Jr.

25 Patrick Quinn

1                   CHAIRMAN STUTO: Next item on the agenda is  
2 Crossing Apartments, 23 and 40 Aviation Road, Board  
3 update on revised elevations.

4                   MR. LACIVITA: The applicant is before us  
5 tonight to look at some changes in materials that they  
6 are looking forward to. If any of you have been by  
7 the location, the site actually is being built. I  
8 think that there are four floors that are currently  
9 there of building one.

10                   Again, the applicant is here tonight to kind of  
11 change it up a little bit and soften the look of what  
12 had been originally proposed.

13                   MR. CRISAFULLI: Thanks, Joe.

14                   I'm Mike Crisafulli of Crisafulli Associates.

15                   We actually aren't changing materials or  
16 anything substantial on the project. It's just the  
17 colors of the materials that we have presented before.

18                   The original renderings that were done very  
19 early on in the process show red bricks for the scheme  
20 with red trim and kind of a yellow siding. This was  
21 very early on and since then, the designer has further  
22 developed the color scheme and we actually have a dark  
23 gray cement siding and more of a chalky brick at the  
24 first level, as well as white trim, black balcony  
25 railings and a black roof and black exterior windows.

1 So, it's just a color change from the original  
2 proposal.

3 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any comments from the Board?

4 MR. LANE: I like it.

5 MR. MION: I like it.

6 CHAIRMAN STUTO: I like it.

7 Are we looking for a vote, Joe?

8 MR. LACIVITA: A vote, or a sign-off on the  
9 elevations.

10 MR. TENGELER: Yes, a sign-off on the  
11 elevations.

12 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any members of the public  
13 looking to be heard on this one?

14 MR. QUINN: First of all I'd like to complement  
15 Mr. Crisafulli on the change of materials. It works  
16 very well. However, I'm just curious to know where  
17 the original site plan is. I understand that normally  
18 we look at the original approved site plan and see  
19 what changes have been made. I know that in driving  
20 by yesterday that the original view from the road  
21 seems now to be a series of garages. That's the first  
22 point.

23 The second point is that I'm delighted to see  
24 on the site plan on the web that there appeared to be  
25 some reasonably good trees to be planted between the

1 Crisafulli building and the Ciccotti Center. It looks  
2 like they are fairly mature trees and in view of  
3 recent discussions, I'd like to know what those trees  
4 are, what dimensions and furthermore, where those  
5 garages are on the street on Aviation Road, on the  
6 original site plan.

7 If you look at that perspective, Mike, you  
8 don't see any sign of the garages.

9 Secondly, I've noticed that elevation of the  
10 entrance seemed to have been changed.

11 MR. CRISAFULLI: We've made no changes to the  
12 site plan whatsoever. There used to be more garages.  
13 We removed them at the request of the Board. We built  
14 our project to the approved site plan.

15 MR. QUINN: Did the approved site plan show the  
16 garages on the street - on Aviation Road?

17 MR. CRISAFULLI: The approved site plan shows a  
18 reduced amount of garages. I believe that it's one on  
19 the first building and two on the Aviation side of the  
20 larger building. Originally, we proposed three and  
21 four and we had cut those back.

22 CHAIRMAN STUTO: My recollection of the  
23 approved site plan -- and I just talked to Lou -- it  
24 was a continuous row of garages and we suggested that  
25 it was too much and they did break it up a little bit.

1           MR. CRISAFULLI: This is the second building.  
2 This is the one that's not built yet. There are two  
3 on Aviation Road. We have the first site plan and you  
4 can see that there is one and that one is built and  
5 that's it.

6           MR. QUINN: I would have a question for the  
7 Chairman. I went to look at the original plans on the  
8 original agenda on the website today and I found -- I  
9 have a piece of paper that I copied down from the  
10 website showing that all of the agenda achieves are  
11 missing so that we can't access the original agenda,  
12 the original narrative and the original site plan.

13          CHAIRMAN STUTO: I'll turn that over to Joe.

14          MR. LACIVITA: We never had those on the  
15 website, Peter, because of storage problems that we've  
16 had with the web developer.

17          MR. QUINN: How would I know if I didn't  
18 download them at the last meeting?

19          MR. LACIVITA: At the last meeting -

20          MR. QUINN: At the last meeting I was able to -

21          MR. LACIVITA: Patrick, let me finish please.

22                 At the last meeting that you probably  
23 downloaded, they were up on the website. We change  
24 our agenda and the documentation that is specific to  
25 the agenda at hand. You could not go back and find

1 anything previously because of storage issues that we  
2 have. I'm not quite sure when you might have  
3 downloaded them. They may not have put the other ones  
4 up at the time that you were able to get them but  
5 certainly if you had specific questions about this  
6 project, as you may, you can come into the office and  
7 we can go over that. I don't think that right now we  
8 are talking about the site plan. We're talking about  
9 the elevations. I know that you have several  
10 questions that I'd like to answer one on one to get  
11 those done for you.

12 MR. QUINN: It's just that I had a critical  
13 meeting with the Supervisor and -

14 MR. LACIVITA: And we can get into everything  
15 specifically about that meeting, Patrick.

16 MR. QUINN: There are two items. One, that  
17 always available - we should have the original site  
18 plans at these meetings.

19 MR. LACIVITA: I'll have to go back and look at  
20 my notes, Patrick.

21 MR. QUINN: The other question I have is for  
22 Mr. Stuto.

23 I did, in fact, last July download original  
24 documents which I think was at the March 23rd meeting.  
25 I downloaded them and shared them with members of the

1 Green Meadows Civic Association. So, I was able to  
2 download the original agenda and the narrative and the  
3 site plans, regardless of what you say, Mr. LaCivita.

4 CHAIRMAN STUTO: A year ago, is what you are  
5 saying.

6 MR. QUINN: Well, yes, last year.

7 CHAIRMAN STUTO: I think that what Joe is  
8 saying that they don't keep them up indefinitely.

9 MR. LACIVITA: Capacity has always been an  
10 issue.

11 CHAIRMAN STUTO: He's saying that he doesn't  
12 have enough storage.

13 MR. QUINN: Perhaps providing a flash drive  
14 would be an option. The public should have access to  
15 them, which I think is our right. Thank you.

16 MR. LACIVITA: We'll look at alternative  
17 efforts to try to keep that information longer. Flash  
18 drives could not be handled in my budget, I apologize  
19 for that.

20 Patrick, you could always come into my office,  
21 as I say to everyone in the Town of Colonie. My  
22 office is always open. You're more than welcome to  
23 look at the files on hand. Any questions, I always  
24 answer.

25 MR. QUINN: It would be much more useful if we

1           could download them. That's why we ask that you have  
2           the original plans available.

3                     MR. LACIVITA: We'll take that into  
4           consideration. Thank you.

5                     CHAIRMAN STUTO: Are you looking for a vote?

6                     MR. TENGELER: Your signature is all we need.

7                     CHAIRMAN STUTO: For the record, the Board has  
8           no objection to what is being proposed tonight; is  
9           that so?

10                    MR. MION: Yes.

11                    CHAIRMAN STUTO: Thank you.

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