

**Village Planning Board
Public Hearing #1 Regarding
The proposed site plan approval for Anthony and Collena Orlando dba Sissy Ink at 2182
Co. Rt. 12 in the Village of Central Square
Thursday, April 15, 2010**

Stephen Williams called the hearing to order at 7:15PM

Chairperson William read the hearing notice

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Williams, Burt Alm, Dee Sperling, Maryellen Commisso, Mayor Murphy, Mark Bombardo, Debbie Bilello, Anthony Orlando, Tony Bush, Collena Orlando, Roxanne Green,, Donetta Gass and John Adams.

Chairperson Williams opened the floor for comment

Debbie Bilello – Resident on Webb Ave. expressed some of her concerns as a resident. In 2008 the Village of Central Square’s comprehensive plan was adopted on 4/7/2008. Debbie noted that on page 4 (5 in the 2007 plan) of the comprehensive plan, in spite of urban growth, maintain small town atmosphere, etc...

Debbie is concerned the tattoo parlor brings an urban lifestyle to Central Square. It is her belief that a second tattoo parlor in Central Square is not in line with the comprehensive plan. Her concern is by allowing the urbanized business, we lose the rural character. Debbie researched who gets a tattoo. Looking at our population they do not fit in the demographics listed in her research. She asked, where will the draw of clientele come from? She does not believe this business affects the tax role. This business sits on a dangerous traffic street. Hundred’s of hours were spent on the traffic research. The Village enacted a moratorium on tattoo parlor and pawn shops. Debbie stated that she is not personally against a tattoo; she is concerned as a parent of a fourteen year old. Each day on the way to school she passes a vacant house, two tattoo parlors, a pawn shop and a sex offender.

Anthony Orlando spoke and noted that they opened Feb 5th, they have had 80 customers. Customers are local. They do not “do” (tattoo) young kids. The average age is 31 to 35. They will not tattoo kids. They refused some kids because they were 17. They can perform piercings. They will not perform on youths under age. He would like six months to show the village that this is a clean business. Carry 9 AM to 6 PM business hours. He will not carry late night hours.

Tony Bush, who lives up north of 11, is here on behalf of the Orlando’s. These people work very hard and are very ambitious. This is not a 10 PM business, no young kids, no motorcycles, mom and pop shop, trying to raise three kids. They can go to Wal-Mart and get piercing with their mother’s. They (kids) can rent porn videos at 18 years old. He believes the hearing should be packed. He does not think it should be anyone’s choice not to allow them to feed their family. They have a professional trade. He thinks we should commend them not condemn them. They deserve the right to have the same chance as anyone else. He thinks that is bad policy to prevent them from having a business here. It takes people to build a village. It takes courage to do what they are doing. He thinks that as a village they should give them a chance

Planning Board member, Burt Alm asked about health regulation, licensing and sanitation of needles. Oswego County requires them to dispose of at a hospital. She buys them on site. She has on site sterilization.

Burt – does the health department inspect? Colleen – say no, there are proposed regulations. She follows OSHA.

Burt – how long does it take? Colleen – thirty minutes to four hours.

Burt – does the person have to wait? Colleen – no, it is in between the dermis and epidermis.

Colleen – she keeps all her records for seven years.

Burt – what is the standard consent? Colleen – provided a typical consent form, runs it no different than a liquor store.

Burt – the person is saying they are free of blood born diseases. Colleen – the form is designed to protect herself. That protects her. She does one person at a time by appointment

Planning Board Member Dee - what percent of business is the tattoos vs. the shirts belts and such? Colleen – she does not know how to answer that.

Burt - the floor plan indicates bathrooms in the back in the service area. Colleen - no not yet

Burt - do you wear gloves before you work on anyone? Colleen – yes, for her safety

Burt - if someone comes in and is intoxicated, what do you do? Colleen/Anthony – recently a 20 year old wanted it on his neck. Colleen convinced him to put it in a different place. Colleen – she treats them like her children. She does not want to prevent them from having another job

Burt – where do you store the components – Colleen individual bottles, sealed on a shelf

Burt – do you shave people? Do you use single use razor blades? Colleen – yes Anthony – nothing gets reused except for forceps.

Burt- floors? Colleen there is carpet including the service area.

Planning Board Member Steve Williams - what hospital do you dispose the needles? – Colleen - her mother works at upstate medical university

Burt – is your license displayed? Colleen no, she is a cosmetologist, no license is required.

Burt – where were you located before? Colleen - Parish and Pulaski

Steve – What is the process for inventorying the needles? – Colleen – she orders when she needs them and disposes when the container is full. She can count. She waits until she is low and then reorders.

Dee - Are parts reusable? Like when you get your nails done? – Colleen once the needle is used it cannot be reused.

Dee – How is the sanitization of the device done? Colleen – there is a bag on the device.

Everything under the hand is disposed.

Steve - Mayor Mudd Murphy, are there enough village employees staffed to inspect? Mudd and Mark Bombardo: “No, we do not we only have staff for fire inspections.”

Steve – Are there employees of the village that are capable of managing serum hepatitis? – “No”

Burt – His investigation has shown that the county is waiting for the state.

Mark – They would be responsible to visit and make sure those conditions are met.

Burt – The state in 6-7 years has made no progress.

Burt – if we recommend and have our own guidelines, Mudd – we would supersede until the state creates guidelines.

Mark – The most stringent part of county or village or state guidelines will supersede

Steve – do we have employees that could manage the prevention of or shared needle? Mark – we can only perform unannounced visits.

Steve – Do we have employees that could manage the prevention of contaminated needles? –

Mark – we can only perform unannounced visits.

Burt – guidelines would fall within code enforcement

Debbie Question: – in an approval office, if a law enforcement was called “x” amount of times, could they be removed from business? Mark – he believes that exists in the code, the board, village board, planning board is in place and it could be stipulated in the approval process

Burt – how long have you been doing this? Colleen since 2004, they have been in Central Square for 11 weeks.

Dee – do you exercise censorship of any sort? Maybe regret later? Colleen - she does do that so she could look at herself in the mirror in the morning

Roxanne - Donetta Gass from the Chatty K-9: Donetta and Roxanne wanted to ensure all the business have to follow the same procedures. To ensure they go to the planning board and zoning board. They introduced themselves. They met the people and they have been terrific. They watch out for the Chatty K-9. It is nice to know they can look after each other. They are impressed they close earlier than the Chatty K-9. They feel it is a very nicely run business

Planning Board member Maryellen – why move to Central Square? Colleen – the Parish building was sold. They were in Pulaski for four years.

Maryellen – Where do you live? Colleen - Parish

Debbie – refer back to the comprehensive plan page 21 the community goals & regulations. Follow vigorously etc... Debbie read from the plan.... That paragraph indicated to her quality of life, families and business to attract. Are we heading down a road we cannot stop? She personally does not have a problem with a tattoo. She has 2 kids that have tattoos, she asks is the comprehensive plan the document

Burt – is it the location? Deb – no, it is because it is the 2nd location. Will we attract young families?

Colleen – she says the first one should be regulated.

Deb – “you” are not my problem. Do we go forward against the plan?

Colleen - without competition the shop that should not remain will.

Deb – she voiced her concern to the codes enforcement. Do we set limits on business?

Colleen – wouldn't that create a monopoly? She would be mortified if her child came out with the tattoos from the first shop

Tony – Was it advertised? (This meeting) Tony said there is one person complaining about it. He thinks there would be more than one person here. He does not see kids, graffiti, motorcycles, he sees someone raising 3 kids trying to earn a living

At this point it is a quit business. He does not see hoodlums they have the right to the business. People are going in there with a choice. People are concerned over tanning beds too high, school, drugs, fights at high school. He feels they deserve a chance. It is a choice.

Dee- it is not the quality, or freedom of speech, it is what we want downtown to look like

Deb B – it is about the document that is already in place. Enforced by planning board and zoning board. Just because one person spoke about it

John Adams – he has been her 34 years. The comprehensive plan is a plan to make the community grow. Plans are made to be re-planned, get business to do business with other business. He would not have a problem.

Burt – most of his questions' are related to health protection etc, investigating county and state sorely lacking. He thinks with the right kind of regulation, the good people will come to the top. Our challenge is to consider how all the issues of health, the plan and how the plan relates today. Burt would like us to consider how we will follow the plan and also look out for the rights of the people.

Deb – we have to set the standard on what we want to grow. Are we going down a slippery slope? She is worried about bars with stripper and others.

Colleen - she also does cosmetics tattoos

Anthony out of the 45 there were 18 from Central Square, the rest were West Monroe, Pennellville, Brewerton. Piercings are more local

Close Hearing-Steve Williams – made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Mary Ellen 2nd, all in favor – yes

Hearing was closed at 8:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted By,
Stephen Williams, Chairperson