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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Rensselaer Zoning Board of Appeals
First Floor Conference Room, Rensselaer Community Center, 62 Washington Street
January 24, 2011

Members Present:

Chair – Gene Hilstro, Vice Chair – Bill Bulnes, Nancy Hardt, Paula Micheli, Terance Ruso,

Members Not Present:

Michael Scott

Staff Present:

Sarah Crowell – Director of Planning, Kevin McLoughlin – Assistant Director of Planning, Jack Spath – Deputy Corporation Counsel

Others Present

David Rossetti, Delores Mascelo, Melissa Currado, Billie Jo Cannon, Lou Lourinia, Daniel Lawler, Jeffrey Cannon, Lee Prosser, Betty Venema, Dan Proper, James Venerer, Khristina Ulmer, Julie Verdi, Robin Ganance, Joanne Rippel, Frank McClellan, Elizabeth Macris, Jim Macris, Leona Hoyle, Cheryl Chinna Reddy, Nalini Schneider, Joanne Farrell, John Parter, Jim Pierce, Jim Van Vorst, Pastor Glen Hamilton, Marion Webber – Alderwoman, Harry Adalian – Common Council President

Call to Order:

The special meeting of the City of Rensselaer Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 6:04 PM. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the special meeting of December 13, 2010 were approved as submitted with the following revisions:

Add “Mr. Ruso explained that his no vote on the motion to reserve decision was made to avoid ‘kicking the can down the street’ and see the action decided upon that evening out of consideration for the applicant’s impending deadline.”, to the bottom of page 4 between the resolutions.

Amend third paragraph from the bottom of page 3 to read, “Mr. Ruso asked how proposed drafting change would address homeless shelters or trailer parks relative to the defined list of allowed uses.”

A question on the third paragraph from the top of page 3 about parking was raised, but the record supported the original wording.

Remove the phrase ‘transitional family housing shelter’ from the last resolution on page 4 and use, “Deny the requested Use Variance based upon resident input regarding the perceived negative impact on neighborhood character”.

Communications:

Several letters regarding the proposed St. Paul’s Center were received and read into the record as part of the public hearing.

Old Business

- 1. St. Paul’s Center, 950 Third Street** – Request for Use Variance to allow renovation and use of the former Open Bible Baptist Church as an emergency transitional housing shelter for families in a multi-family (R2) zoning district.

Ms. Crowell described the reason the matter was before the board again was that an error had been made in the Planning Office regarding procedure in that the applicant had not received a formal denial for a building permit. She noted there were some irregularities with notices for the prior meeting noticing and this would allow the applicant a clean slate.

David Rossetti briefly described the application as a 19 bed emergency shelter for families that will include men. Their current facility directly across the street only accepts mothers with children. He emphasized that the facility was staffed 24/7 and he is contact with them if issues arise so he can respond to any issues that arise or complaints raised by neighbors. He noted that with 19 more beds there would be some additional revenue for the community for local shops as well as use of the Yankee Doodle taxi company. David Rossetti stated that he felt they ran a good shop as the women and children there are always monitored and the staff is available to neighbors to address issues, unlike when difficulties arise with a building across the street whose owner lives in Florida. He stated that he thought it would be more helpful to have an on-site presence than to have the building sit vacant or be managed by a landlord who lives out of town.

Nancy Hardt asked what St. Paul’s Center procedure was in response to complaints from neighbors?

David Rossetti responded that his staff contacts him and he has full discretion to remove the residents if they are creating a problem. He stated that he has asked residents to leave for not following the Center’s rules. He added that although there have been some complaints from neighbors the Center has never received a complaint from the Police Department.

Mr. Ruso asked where residents went if they were asked to leave the facility. David Rossetti responded that this was up to the Department of Social Services. He noted that if the mothers can’t

provide a valid address for where the children will go then CPS will be called, which is a major consequence the residents are aware of.

Mr. Ruso asked if the current facility was a battered womens' shelter. David Rossetti responded that it was not a domestic violence shelter, noting that some residents have been moved to different locations if it is discovered during initial resident assessment that the community or someone in the shelter may be at risk then that resident is moved.

Mr. Ruso asked what the cost of the renovations would be as the Building Permit submitted stated \$1.6 million while the Use Variance Application stated \$1.9 million. David Rossetti responded that the full contract being requested through a grant from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance was \$1.9 with the difference in stated costs to pay for contractors and operations.

Mr. Ruso asked what boarded up buildings and absentee landlords were referred to in the Center's application. David Rossetti responded he was aware of one vacant building on the corner and several absentee landlords in the neighborhood, including the one across the street mentioned earlier.

Mr. Bulnes asked if the Center kept a record or log of complaints from neighbors. David Rossetti answered that there was no log kept.

Mr. Hilstro asked if this was the only shelter run by the center. David Rossetti responded that this was correct and that they were a private not-for-profit organization reimbursed by the County for services provided to the residents while they are at the shelter.

Mr. Ruso asked if the center thought a location across the street would provide economies of scale. Mr. Rossetti responded that the architecture of the building was conducive to reconfiguration for the proposed use and having other staff right across the street and a good price made it good sense.

Mr. Hilstro asked if the center had plans for future expansion when it first moved into the community. David Rossetti responded that it was a matter of an opportunity arising to serve a need that had been expressed to the center over the past few years by the county.

Mr. Hilstro asked if St. Paul's Center had any interest in locations other than Rensselaer to open any more of these facilities. David Rossetti responded that if the opportunity presented itself they might look at it.

Mr. Hilstro noted that there were difficult economic times right now and asked what would happen if the County ran out of funds for the program?

Randy Hall, Commissioner of Rensselaer County Social Services, responded that he did not foresee the time where they would pull the funding for this kind of facility. He stated that it was their goal to keep families together and this would require splitting families up or placing them in a hotel or motel. A program like St. Paul's helps provide monitoring, case services, and after-care to help break a costly repeating cycle of homelessness, which costs more in the long run. He noted that the

program funds used to reimburse St. Paul's were 50% Federal, 25% State, and 25% County and the county is required by law to house these families.

Ms. Crowell asked whether City of Rensselaer families who become homeless receive priority at this facility. Randy Hall responded that the program's priority was for Rensselaer County residents. He stated that they had no control

Mr. Hilstro asked how many shelters were located in the County. Randy Hall responded that in addition to St. Paul's there was Joseph's House in Troy, which is a single-occupancy shelter. They also have another facility in Lansingburgh for individuals with long term mental health issues and are in the process of building another facility on 4th Street in Troy. Randy Hall added that Unity House in Troy was the main provider of domestic violence services in the county.

Pastor Hinkel stated he was the owner of the building at 950 Third Street and that he thought that St. Paul's Center was doing a good job. He continued that his church never had any trouble with any of the residents. He added that when he encouraged residents to attend evening service they frequently responded that they were not able due to the curfew rule. Pastor Hinkel said the center ran a tight ship and many residents had stated to him what a help it was in their time of need. He said he hoped there would be some space in the new facility for the children to play inside. He stated that the congregation of the Open Bible Baptist Church would love to see the building used for this cause rather than as apartments. He expressed the opinion that St. Paul's Center's investment in the building would help increase the property values of the properties around it. Pastor Hinkel continued that the Church was inclined to continue to use the property or lease it to another Church group and he recognized that this would tend to have a negative impact on neighborhood parking. He noted that given the

Mr. Ruso asked how long the building had been vacant. Pastor Hinkel responded that the church had been using it occasionally for extra meeting space for youth activities at least once a month, though regular Sunday services had moved to St. Joseph's since the 2nd Sunday in April 2010. The pastor added that if the proposed project did not receive approvals, they would likely try to raise some money to do some repairs, but would likely work with other religious and youth groups to bring in enough income to keep up the heat and other maintenance.

David Rossetti stated that since 2006 the center had helped 314 families and 640 children.

Mr. Ruso raised a question about the wording of the notes that several council members had expressed support for the project as possible conjecture. Mr. McLoughlin responded that Council President Adalian and Alderman Mooney had both verbally expressed support for the project to staff. Council President, Adalian added that in his opinion it was an accurate statement.

Mr. Bulnes expressed he understood the notes to mean that several letters of support from the council members in support of the project had been enclosed. Mr. McLoughlin apologized and said that the sentence about letters of support was a separate statement and it would have been clearer if left in a separate paragraph as it did not refer to letters of support from Common Council members.

Ms. Crowell read a letter from the Mayor into the record in support of the proposed project (copy attached at the end of the minutes).

Ms. Crowell read a letter from Jean Mayhew into the record in opposition to the proposed project (copy attached at the end of the minutes).

Ms. Crowell read a letter of support from the Chief of Police addressed to the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance into the record (copy attached at the end of the minutes).

Ms. Crowell stated that the Planning Office had obtained 911 dispatch records from the Police Department. Mr. McLoughlin provided a summary of the records since 2006: 87 total calls were logged by 911, 37 of these were EMS calls, 28 were fire-alarm related, 5 – 911 hangup calls, and 27 were police-related. He added that there were several other properties within a half-block radius that had as many or more police-related calls despite being primarily one and two-family buildings, including one a block away had 74 police-related calls.. The impression of staff from this data was that St. Paul’s center had a lower number of police-related calls per resident while the number of EMS-related calls per resident was higher.

Chair Hilstro Opened the public hearing at 6:50 PM

John Patterson of 1025 Third Street stated that he was against the proposal because he did not want it in his back yard, because he thought it would decrease his property values. He felt one such facility was enough in a mainly residential area. Mr. Ruso asked John Patterson if he thought his property values had already gone down. John Patterson agreed. He added it would be more appropriate for another business to bring in tax revenue.

Joanne Farrell of 1025 Third Street stated that she was against the proposal, preferring to see the building purchased for other reasons such as a theater or a railroad or museum and did not want this kind of use next to her house.

Nalini Schneider of 1022 Third Street stated that she would not have bought her home if she knew that another shelter would have been allowed. She added that as a young, single woman she was concerned that there would be men in the new facility. She stated that her home had decreased in value since she bought it.

Josie DiTullio of 1017 Third Street stated that she had many concerns about the project, saying that while she had no problems with St. Paul’s Center she did not think this was an appropriate location for multiple facilities in the same area. She expressed dissatisfaction with having received three meeting notice letters with different language describing the project. She said the phrase ‘emergency homeless shelter’ made her think of the Mission on South Pearl Street in Albany. She expressed the opinion that as temporary residents they would not take pride in the neighborhood. She asked why wouldn’t other locations such as the old city hall, the old library, or another town be suitable alternatives? Josie DiTullio said that she felt the building should remain as a place of worship to help maintain the valuable architectural character of the building, noting that several of the stained glass windows at the current St. Paul’s Center were removed to accommodate the remodeling.

Josie DiTullio expressed the opinion that the neighborhood might be polluted with unsavory persons, populated with vehicles where there is already an existing parking problem. She added that Emergency calls for EMS, Police, and Fire calls were at the expense of taxpayers. She said this proposal concerned her for the safety of herself, her mother, and her good neighbors as well as their property values, maintaining the integrity of historic structures, and the quality of life in the neighborhood and the city. She stated that she was also opposed to conversion of the building into multiple rental apartments because it was a two-family zoning district. Josie DiTullio concluded by stating that Rensselaer was statistically safer than surrounding cities and that her neighbors looked out for one another.

Christina Olmer of 944 Third Street stated that her yard touched the proposed St. Paul's. She noted that her daughter, nieces, nephews, and neighborhood children were always in her yard and if strangers, drifters, and people in desperate circumstances live in that building they would always see those children playing. She added that people in desperate situations do desperate things and no one could guarantee her safety as a single female living on the bottom floor next to a house where there would be strangers going in and out and they could see directly into her windows and yard. She stated that she would never move into a house next to a shelter, drug rehab, or halfway house. She asked where individuals would go if they stood outside to smoke cigarettes since 950 Third Street had no yard area? She also expressed frustration that the sidewalk of the property was not properly shoveled during the winter. She was concerned that bringing in strangers would disrupt the trust that allowed kids to play in her yard.

Jim Macris of East Greenbush stated that right around the corner from his house was a group shelter. He asked for a clarification regarding whether there were complaints from police. Mr. McLoughlin responded that the statement was there had been no complaints or objections by the Police department regarding the proposed expansion. Jim Macris expressed the opinion that he also has seen his property values decrease in the past few years, because that has been part of a general trend. He added that the worship center had operated for 100 years, but closed for lack of attendance so he thought it was very unlikely for another church to occupy the property at 950 Third Street. He expressed the view that the people who operate the facility and set/enforce the rules were the neighbors not just the residents.

Billie Jo Cannon owner of 43 John Street and another nearby property presented a petition (attached at end) to the board with 51 signatures of individuals opposed to the expansion of St. Paul's Center. She pointed out to the board that the school bus stop for this location was right outside the former church at 950 Third Street, and she had experienced a fight being picked at that location. She added that she had experience with mothers from the current facility using rough language that she could hear at her house. She stated that she had reached out to the Mayor's Office because her vehicles had been vandalized. She added that she witnessed an incident where children from the center were fighting in the middle of the road, blocking traffic. Billie Jo Cannon stated that there were other locations in the city where this facility could go, and she did not want another facility forced upon the neighbors.

Mr. Ruso asked Billie Jo Cannon what she planned to do if the facility was expanded. She responded that she probably planned to sell them.

Joanne Farrell stated that her family lived in the town since the potato famine and did not appreciate people from outside the city coming in to tell them what to do with her neighborhood and municipality. She added that she planned to protest the proposal.

Dave Gardner of 906 6th Street stated that he would not want this facility in his neighborhood either. He said that if you changed the zoning he would prefer to see it put back on the tax rolls rather than a not-for-profit.

John Poole of 5th Street said he was opposed to an expansion of the center because he could not see kids being able to play there since it was all concrete without a yard.

Gretchen Poole, Alderwoman – 5th Ward stated she was upset that she had not been notified about the meeting and had heard about it only through David Rossetti. Mr. McLoughlin stated that Common Council members were mailed a copy of the agenda and prior meeting minutes. Gretchen Poole responded that she received it after the fact.

Betty Venema of 59 Third Street said she had no problem with the existing shelter and thought they had done a good job renovating the building and maintaining relations with the neighbors, but she did express concern with the types of people referred there and how they are referred there. She stated that she understood residents were supposed to be there only about a month, but some seemed to be there much longer. She thought that another shelter would be too many people coming in at one time and there was no place for the children to play.

Jim Venema of 59 Third Street said that he felt that many of the residents were potentially dangerous and he did not want people like that near his home.

Mr. Ruso asked Gretchen Poole how she felt about the proposal. She responded that based on her phone calls and knocks on her door she was with her constituents in opposition to the project.

Robin Ganance of 53 John Street stated there were a lot of issues with residents modeling inappropriate behavior in front of their children. She said she would be moving out of the city if another shelter came into the city.

Lee Prosser of 1002 Third Street said that because of the shelter that his daughters didn't come over to his property any more, because of the violence, garbage, and swearing. He added that the money for the residents' cab rides came from city taxpayers.

Harry Adalian of 808 Mann Avenue, President of the Common Council spoke in support of the proposal. He stated that he heard where the other speakers were coming from regarding management issues at the center and his perspective as a former Chair of the Planning Commission was that generally nobody wanted any kind of new facility located next to them. He continued that as Common Council President he felt that institutions like this and the Boys' Club were needed to serve the community as a whole. He stated that when the St. Joseph's facility was proposed there was significant neighbor opposition, but the board voted to allow it and he said he didn't believe there had been any complaints. He stated that since the city was considering evicting 20

homeowners through the in-rem process it would be valuable to have a place like this where they could go and allow them to remain a part of their own community. He concluded that while there were about 30 people attending the public hearing, he felt it was the duty of the board to decide for the 9000 residents in the city as a whole.

Jeffrey Cannon of 1007 Third Street said that he frequently picked up candy wrappers left on the ground by residents. He added that taxpayers would pay for the gas for the emergency service vehicles that responded to the current and proposed shelter.

Melissa Currado of the St. Paul's Center stated that she has seen problem behavior taking place at neighboring properties and that the shelter management can't control that. She continued that she felt the issues raised by the previous speakers were minor and could be addressed.

Carolyn Dyer of the St. Paul's Center stated that the staff and residents' expenditures did make at least a small contribution to the local economy by patronizing local stores and restaurants. She stated that the renovations would substantially improve the exterior of the building. She noted that most of the people who leave the shelter do not relocate within the City of Rensselaer. She acknowledged that there were behavior issues at times, but a purpose of the shelter to help them become better parents and productive taxpayers.

Dan Proper a consultant for St. Paul's Center noted that the building needed a lot of care and upkeep to maintain its condition and if a conversion to other uses was possible then the parking issue would also arise. He added that the building re-design would address privacy for the neighbors.

Frank McLellan of 95 Washington Avenue stated that this facility was desirable because it was designed to keep families together. He noted that when the current Casey's restaurant building was closed he had far less issues at his home than when it was open, but he recognized it was good for the community.

Mr. Ruso asked how many residents of the facility were city residents as opposed to from the City of Troy or Albany. He said it seemed more like a County issue instead of a City issue. David Rossetti responded that there were no specific records kept but he could say that the overwhelming majority of residents have been from Rensselaer County.

Hearing no one else to speak for or against who had not already spoken, Chair Hilstro closed the public hearing at 8:04 PM.

Chair Hilstro led the board through completion of a Short EAF.

Mr. Hilstro moved to make a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact based on the completed Short EAF. Ms. Hardt seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ruso moved to deny the Use Variance based on the lack of parking, noting that there was no accommodation made for parking for a commercial business in an R2 zoning district. The motion was not seconded.

Ms. Hardt asked what the applicant's time frame was and David Rossetti responded that the grant decision was imminent in February.

Mr. Hilstro moved to reserve decision on the application to the next meeting. Mr. Bulnes seconded. The motion was approved 4-1 with Mr. Hilstro, Mr. Bulnes, Ms. Hardt, and Ms. Micheli voting Yes and Mr. Ruso voting No.

New Business

NONE.

Other Business:

NONE.

Adjournment:

Hearing no objections, Mr. Hilstro adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Record of Decisions:

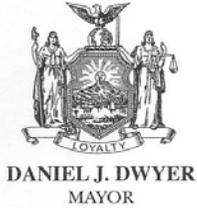
An official record of decisions noting the details of motions from this meeting along with conditions & stipulations has been filed with the City Clerk and a copy maintained in Planning Department records.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Crowell
Secretary

APPENDIX

Letters and Petition submitted for the record.



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January 24, 2011

Zoning Board of Appeals
C/o Sarah Crowell
62 Washington Street
Rensselaer, New York 12144

Dear Sarah and Members of the Board,

This letter is in support of St. Paul's purchase of the former Masonic Lodge on Third Street.

The individuals (especially children) that St. Paul's administers to are in need and St. Paul's does an excellent job in helping these people to reestablish their lives.

After checking with Chief Fusco of the Rensselaer Police Department, I was told that contrary to what has been said, they have received very few incident calls there. May I also add that another issue mentioned was lack of parking. I would like to point out that in speaking to the administrators of St. Paul's, I was informed that most of the people staying there do not have cars.

It is unfortunate that economic times dictate a need for such a facility, but we must face reality that some people are in desperate need of help. In bad economic times, one of the hardest hit segments is family life. St. Paul's mission is to stabilize family life and they do outstanding in accomplishing this feat. It is my sincere hope that the Zoning Board reconsiders its previous decision and votes favorably on this issue.

I thank you for your time and consideration in listening to this letter.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Dwyer
Mayor

DJD/mco

Cc: File

1/23/11

Planning and Development Agency of Rensselaer
Building and Zoning Dept.

Members of the Board,

I am writing in regard to the public hearing concerning a use variance at the former Open Bible Baptist Church on Third Street.

My husband and I are in Florida and cannot attend the meeting, but we want it known that we are AGAINST having transitional housing at this location.

We already have a shelter and an ambulance garage in our neighborhood. We do not feel it is fair to put yet another shelter here. Our property values have already decreased and selling a house in this area will be difficult. We pay the same tax rate that everyone else in the city pays.

I have witnessed problems with some of the people who were staying at the existing shelter and we do not need added problems. The general shelter populace do not seem to have any regard for the neighbors or the neighborhood.

Some other things to consider are:

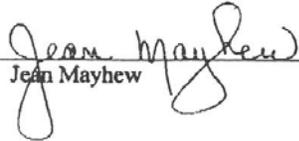
- Lack of parking
- Neighborhood safety
- An added burden on the school district
- An added burden on the police force
- An added burden on the fire department and ambulance service
- An added burden on the taxpayers

Rensselaer is a small community that needs to broaden its tax base, welcome new businesses, and improve our image. I don't think adding another homeless shelter will accomplish this.

Thank you.

Jean Mayhew
Ernest Mayhew
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Signature: Ernest Mayhew


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Deputy Chief

November 16, 2010

Colleen A. Salvagni
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
40 North Pearl St 10-b
Albany, New York 12243

Dear Colleen,

The Rensselaer City Police Department is in full support of the St. Paul's Center application to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) for funding. The funding will be used to renovate a building across the street from the existing shelter to expand services to include two parent and single father head of household families in Rensselaer County.

The proposed project will provide emergency housing and support services for two parent or single father homeless families. The St. Paul's Center will provide client advocacy and linkage to community services such as medical, dental, job training, budgeting and parenting classes in order to strengthen the family unit and prevent reoccurrence of homelessness. The families will be included in the Center's Bridges Programs which follows families once they are successfully re-housed and helps them with any situation that might threaten their permanent housing.

Our department's mission is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and the maintenance of order in public places. Also, to anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protections of life and property.

It is essential all members remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves but for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform their services with honesty, zeal, courage discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

Police Officers must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law, and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

We are supportive and enthusiastic about St. Paul's application for HHAP funding and are willing to provide referrals to the expanded program and to accept referrals for our services. St Paul's Center provides an essential service and have been good neighbors to our community.

Sincerely,


Frederick M. Fusco
Chief of Police

Petition to reject the transitional housing for families on Third/John Street in Rensselaer, NY 12144

Petition summary and background	The reason for this petition is to reject a transitional housing for families being brought onto Third/John street (open bible Baptist church). We the citizens feel that this shelter would only bring down property values of our homes and raise our taxes. Some of us residents feel that the families that come to the shelter are less desirable and we do not want this around our neighborhood. For some of us we were unable to attend the meeting but do object to this shelter being brought into our neighborhood.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to Stop the transitional housing coming into our neighborhood.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Andrew Bushwong	<i>Andrew Bushwong</i>	1011 Third St. Apt 1A		1/23/11
Quintara Bao	<i>Quintara Bao</i>	1011 Third St. Apt 1A	do not support shelter	1/23/11
Nalini Schneider	<i>Nalini Schneider</i>	1022 3 rd Str	do not support shelter	1/23/11
Alyssa Terri	<i>Alyssa Terri</i>	1020 3 rd St.		1/23/11
David Van Vorst	<i>David Van Vorst</i>	1010 3rd St 1 Floor	Do not support shelter	1/23/11
Robin Canoe	<i>Robin Canoe</i>	53 John St John St	Do not support shelter	1/23/11
Joe SEVERANCE	<i>Joe SEVERANCE</i>	58 John St.	Do not support	1-23-11
Christine Venema	<i>Christine Venema</i>	54 John St	Do Not support	1-23-11
Deborah Morrison	<i>Deborah Morrison</i>	52 John St.	Do Not Support	1-23-11
Julie Verdi	<i>Julie Verdi</i>	942 3 rd Street	Do Not Support	1-23-11

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Chr. Verd	<i>Chr. Verd</i>	942 Third Street	Do Not Support	1-23-11
Tracey Giganti	<i>Tracey Giganti</i>	932 Third Street	"	1-23
Chris Kihullen	<i>Chris Kihullen</i>	952 Third Street	"	1-23
Karen Steger	<i>Karen Steger</i>	927 Third St	"	1-23
Catherine M. Elroy	<i>Catherine M. Elroy</i>	943 Third St	" "	1-23
Brian M. Elroy	<i>Brian M. Elroy</i>	943 Third St	" "	1-23
Betty Venema	<i>Betty Venema</i>	939 Third St.	" "	1/23/11
Jane M. Verma	<i>Jane M. Verma</i>	939 3rd St	" "	1-23-11
Vicenzo Alfano	<i>Vicenzo Alfano</i>	39 John St		1-23-11
Brenda Hauke	<i>Brenda Hauke</i>	934 2nd St	Do Not Support	1-23-11
Leona Hauke	<i>Leona Hauke</i>	934 2nd St	Do Not Support	1-23-11
Cristal Gazelore	<i>Cristal Gazelore</i>	931 2nd St.	Do Not Support	1-23-11
Cherylene Greene	<i>Cherylene Greene</i>	1011 3rd St	Do not support	1/23/11
Core DiAlles	<i>Core DiAlles</i>	1017 Third St	"	1/24/11
Josephine DiAlles	<i>Josephine DiAlles</i>	1017 Third St	"	1/24/11
Shannon Pratt	<i>Shannon Pratt</i>	413 John St Apt 1	" "	1/24/11

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Cheryl Chinn-Robb		1114 Second St.	Do NOT Support	1/23/11
Jessan Chinn-Robb		1114 2nd St	DO NOT Support	1/23/2011

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Lucas Bidesheim		1032 4th St.	against!!!	1/23/11
Donna Greenup		1032 4th St	Against	1/23/11
Rita Brown		1035-4th St.	against	1/23/11
Beryl Carter		1013-4th St	against	1/23/11
Bill Seebor		59 John street	Against	1/23/11
Loreanne A		54 3rd St.	Against	1-23-11
Lorraine Poole		944 Third St.	AGAINST	1/23/11
Brian Poole		944 3rd St	AGAINST	1/23/11
Brian A. Poole		944 3rd St.	Against	1/23/11
Rose LaBontard		1033 4th St	against	1/23/11

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Kristina Ulmer	<i>[Signature]</i>	944 3 rd St Rensselaer NY 12144	Against	24 Jan 2011
Lee Prosser	<i>[Signature]</i>	1002 3 rd St Rensselaer NY 12144	Against	24/Jan 2011
Kim Prosser	<i>[Signature]</i>	1002 3 rd St Rensselaer NY 12144	Against	24/Jan 2011
Jennifer Cook	<i>[Signature]</i>	55 John St Rensselaer NY	Against	24/Jan 2011
GARRETT H. HARRIS	<i>[Signature]</i>	53 JOHN	AGAINST	24/JAN 2011
Cynthia DeLong	<i>[Signature]</i>	1015 4 th Renss	Against	24/Jan 2011
Gretchen Poole	<i>[Signature]</i>	836 5 th St	Against	1/24/11
John Poole	<i>[Signature]</i>	836 5 th St	Against	1/24/11
Berisa Brown	<i>[Signature]</i>	1001 Third St.	Against	1/24/11
Jeffery Cannon	<i>[Signature]</i>	1007 Third St.	against	1/24/11
DAVID CAMPBELL	<i>[Signature]</i>	905 6 th St.	against	1-24-11
John Patterson	<i>[Signature]</i>	1025 Third St Rensselaer	against	1-24-11
James Randall	<i>[Signature]</i>	1025 Third St	AGAINST	1-24-11

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Gary J Keon	<i>[Signature]</i>	934 Second Street	Do not Support	1.23.11
Michael Vignante	<i>[Signature]</i>	931 Second Street	Do not Support	1/23/11