

Agenda

City of Middletown Planning Board

December 6, 2023
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Common Council Chambers
and via Digital Town Hall

Meeting called by: Anthony Capozella, Planning Board Chairman
Clerk: Martina Tu, Clerk

Members: Nicole Hewson, Dan Higbie, Richard McCormack, Gretchen Witt,
Anthony Capozella, Andy Britto, Dave Madden

Approval of November 1, 2023 minutes

9-29 Canal Street
6-month extension

Falun Dafa Gan Jing World Foundation, Inc.
11-31 Fulton Street
Film studio and offices

Sound of Hope Radio Network
45-51 Academy Avenue
Recording studios and offices, dressing rooms, a press room, kitchen and
dining room and a drive-in garage

PRELIMINARY HEARING ONLY - Not for any action but for future
presentation and possible action at a date not yet determined

Good Fortune, LLC.
328 Highland Avenue Ext.
Warehouse/storage facility

APPLICATION
PLANNING BOARD
City of Middletown, New York

Date deemed complete _____
Accepted by _____

Date _____

Items 1, 2 and 3 are required to be completed

1. Address of Subject Property 11-31 Fulton Street, Middletown, NY 10940

Section 35 Block 1 Lot 8.2 Current Zoning District DMU-1

Building Existing X New _____

2. Owner of Property FALUN DAFA GAN JING WORLD FOUNDATION INC

Owner's Address 33 Fulton Street

City Middletown State NY Zip 10940

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: _____

3. Applicant name Jian Hu

If different from Owner

Applicants Address 5 Gillian Ct

City Monroe State NY Zip 10950

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: 917.520.9216

Fax: _____

Answer 4, 5 or 6

4. **Special Use Permits/Site Plan Approval.** An approval for a special use permit and/or site plan approval is hereby requested. In the space provided indicate the section(s) and classification(s) of the occupancy for which you are seeking a special use permit. Included all uses which are currently or will be in the subject property. All dimensions shall be listed in the space provided. Refer to the tables at the rear of the Zoning Ordinance for requirements in UR-3, SR-3, SR-3A and SR-3B districts. Additional sheets may be attached if required.

Section # 35

Classification of Occupancy requested Group B (Business)

Description of what you are requesting: Change existing building use from storage to film and accessory officves(Business use)

Uses currently in property: _____

Title	Section Number	Required Dimensions	Actual Dimensions
Lot area	3.60 acres		
Front yard			
Rear yard			
Side yard			
Side yard			
Parking			

Answer this section only for multiple dwellings

Lot coverage _____
Building height _____
Open Space _____
Playlot _____
Livable floor area _____
Number of Bedrooms _____

5. Nonconforming Use. In the area provided, list each use for which an expansion is sought and the reason therefore. State the current use and all conditions that presently exist and those that will be created. Refer to the excerpt from the Zoning Ordinance Section 475-44. Additional sheets may be attached if required.

6. Fence and/or Parking Nonconformance. In the area provided, list the reason(s) requested for all conditions which are not in conformance with the regulations. Indicated the requirement(s) and the amount of relief requested. Additional sheets may be attached if required.

7. Sign at the Place Indicated

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', written over a horizontal line.

Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: Jian Hu Architect

Date: 11/22/2023

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Appendix B
Short Environmental Assessment Form


Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: GJW Film Studio			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 11-31 FULTON STREET, MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: CHANGE THE BUILDING (1-STORY) USE FROM STORAGE TO FILM STUDIO FACILITY, WHICH INCLUDED VIDEO SHOOTING SPACE AND ACCESSORY SPACES.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Jian Hu		Telephone: 917-520-9216	E-Mail: jhudesign@gmail.com
Address: 5 Gillian Ct			
City/PO: MONROE		State: NY	Zip Code: 10940
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		3.60	acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0	acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		3.60	acres
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____	NO	YES		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO	YES		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO	YES		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban				
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ _____	NO	YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Jian Hu</u>	Date: <u>11/27/2023</u>	
Signature: _____ 		

Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. public / private water supplies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
_____	_____
Name of Lead Agency	Date
_____	_____
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
_____	_____
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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Date _____

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1. Address of Subject Property 45-51 Academy Ave. Middletown, NY, 10940

Section 35 Block 9 Lot 7

Current Zoning District R-2

Building: Existing ✓ New _____

2. Owner of Property Sound of Hope Radio Network

3. Owner's Address 47 Academy Avenue

City Middletown State NY Zip 10940

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: 415-539-6068 Allen Zeng

4. Applicant name N/A

If different from Owner

Applicants Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

Answer 4, 5 or 6

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Section# 35-9-7

Classification of Occupancy requested Group B

Description of what you are requesting: 3rd floor : use for recording studios and office. 2nd floor: all for office use. 1st floor: Will build an internal kitchen and dining place, a press room, and add a drive-in garage. Basement: build a man and a lady dressing room for media talents, install a wall-screen for video shooting.

Uses currently in property: Currently, Little Lotus and Agri-Business Child Development(ABCD) provide childcare and family services.

Title	Section Number	Required Dimensions	Actual Dimensions
Lot area			
Front yard			
Rear yard			
Side yard			
Side yard			
Parking			

Answer this section only for multiple dwellings

Lot coverage _____
Building height _____
Open Space _____
Playlot _____
Livable floor area _____
Number of Bedrooms _____

7. Sign at the Place Indicated

Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

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1. Address of Subject Property 328 Highland Avenue Ext.

Section 3 Block 1 Lot 11 Current Zoning District I-2

Building Existing _____ New X

2. Owner of Property Good Fortune LLC

Owner's Address 98 Reservoir Road

City Middletown State New York Zip 10940

Phone numbers: Home: 845-978-3581

Business: _____

Cell: _____

Same

3. Applicant name _____

If different from Owner

Applicants Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone numbers: Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

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Section # _____

Classification of Occupancy requested I-2 Heavy Industrial

Description of what you are requesting: Construction of new building including parking,
and sidewalk.

Uses currently in property: Vacant Land

Title	Section Number	Required Dimensions	Actual Dimensions
Lot area		15,000 SF	30,000 SF
Front yard		N/A	57 Ft
Rear yard		10 Ft	15 Ft
Side yard		5 Ft	10 Ft
Side yard		10 Ft	17 Ft
Parking			

Answer this section only for multiple dwellings

Lot coverage _____

Building height _____

Open Space _____

Playlot _____

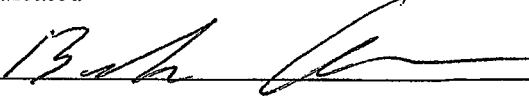
Livable floor area _____

Number of Bedrooms _____

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Signature: 

Printed Name and Title: Brendan Connor, Owner

Date: 7/24/23