

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearings

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Commissioners
4. Review and Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting January 12, 2010
6. Questions from the floor
- 8 Staff Report
 - a) Temporary signs-proposed/draft revisions
- 9 Old Business
- 10 Commissioners Report
- 11 Adjournment

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

None

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Arnold Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Brian McArthur at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS: Del Williams, Jeff Fitter, Paul Vinson (excused), Brian McArthur, Roy Wilde (excused), Ted Brandt (excused), Frank Kutilek (excused), Jeff Campbell, Jason Connell, Todd Teuscher, Mary Holden, Christie Hull-Bettale. 6 voting members present, 4 excused.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Jeff Campbell to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Jeff Fitter. Voice Vote – Unanimously Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jeff Fitter to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting there being no corrections. Second by Jeff Campbell. Voice Vote – Unanimously Approved.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None

STAFF REPORT:

7a. TEMPORARY SIGNS-PROPOSED/DRAFT REVISIONS: Mary Holden read through Jeff Campbell's comments and recommended they incorporate these into the ordinance:

- One sign per business (2 if on corner, 1 per street frontage)
- 5' maximum height
- Restrict the area of signage

Jeff Fitter also would like to see a spacing distance restriction.

Brian McArthur questioned how to limit the spacing if all units in a strip center are wanting one.

Jeff Fitter objects to the signs on the pole at the smoke shop. Signs on the building plus the temporary signs are too much.

Brian McArthur commented that flag signs do not advertise a specific event and those should be limited and put in the ordinance as temporary signs.

Mary Holden commented that she was directed to bring this to the Planning Commission to look at but as a planner does not recommend allowing portable temporary signs due to the aesthetics and visual clutter that can and will accumulate.

Brian McArthur reiterated that this is why 14 years ago the Planning Commission made the suggestion to remove the portable signs.

Jeff Fitter feels we owe it to the businesses and to the city to work through this but agrees with Brian. Jeff does feel we need to be reasonable in that there is a need for some temporary signs for new businesses. Jeff is against adding more time and wants to limit the size.

Brian McArthur feels businesses should add permanent changeable signs that are planned and safely anchored.

Jeff Campbell commented that the temporary banners seem to accumulate and vertical flags flutter so you can't read their message. They grab attention but that is their only function. The number of flags should be limited.

Jason Connell suggested eliminating lighted temporary signs. Also suggested limiting the square footage of flag signs based on frontage per business.

Mary Holden questioned how that would work in the strip malls.

Brian McArthur suggested separating the strip malls from stand-alone businesses in the ordinance.

Jason Connell suggested dividing the total frontage by number of businesses in the strip mall.

Brian McArthur suggested deleting portable signs and expanding the temporary sign ordinance by adding flags and small signs.

Jeff Fitter would like to keep sign events to four (4) times per year.

Brian McArthur commented to revise the 15' setback would eliminate most signs. On the other hand the 15' makes it safer from a traffic perspective.

Jeff Fitter suggested asking the Police Chief for a recommendation on a setback distance with regard to safety.

Jeff Campbell commented that traffic speeds, volumes, driveways and safety need to be reviewed before distance is set.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Jason Connell commented that City Council will be looking at the business licenses and feels the Planning Commission should also since currently, we cannot pull a business license if they are in violation of our ordinance.

Jeff Campbell asked that everyone keep Roy Wilde in their prayers.

Jeff Fitter reported that Strawberry Ridge has sold their two model homes. They had paved a parking lot next to the one house and now that it is no longer being used as a parking lot by the builder, he would like to see it changed back to a lot to keep everyone from parking on it.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jeff Campbell Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Teuscher
Acting Planning Commission Secretary

