

**Staff Responses to Council Questions**  
**03/10/2020**

**6. Active Agenda A. ORD 2020-8485 - An ordinance approving an amendment to planned unit development #18 to permit off-premise electronic message board signs at 7221-7451 Lemont Road**

*What is the purpose of a PUD?*

A PUD overlay district is intended to accommodate development that may be difficult if not impossible to carry out under otherwise applicable zoning district standards and that result in public benefits that are at least commensurate with the degree of development flexibility provided.

*Should the Council approve of this amendment, does anything about that action compel changes to the sign ordinance itself?*

No.

*Should the Council approve of this amendment, does anything about that action compel changes to other PUD's?*

No.

*Can we find the original purpose statement or enabling document that established the sign ad hoc committee (2004-ish)?*

The purpose of the sign committee was to rewrite the Sign Ordinance to accomplish the following:

- Create a comprehensive but balanced system of sign regulations to promote effective communication and to prevent placement of signs that are potentially harmful to traffic and pedestrian safety, property values, business opportunities, and community appearance.
- Preserve, protect, and promote public health, safety, and welfare.
- Preserve the value of private property by ensuring the compatibility of signs with surrounding land uses.
- Enhance the physical appearance of the Village.
- Enhance the Village's economy, business and industry by promoting the reasonable, orderly and effective display of signs, and encouraging better communication between an activity and the public it seeks with its message.
- Protect the general public from damage and injury, which may be caused by the faulty and uncontrolled construction and use of signs within the Village.
- Protect pedestrians and motorists by reducing distraction which may increase the number and severity of traffic accidents.
- Encourage sound practices and lessen the objectionable effects of competition with respect to size and placement of street signs.

*Please provide the minutes associated with the ad hoc sign committee discussion(s) of electronic signage.*

The sign committee met 17 times and discussed electronic signs at four meetings. The minutes for these four meetings are attached.

*Sales tax is vital to the Village and heavily tied to brick and mortar stores which have struggled for some time - an environment that has been referred to as a retail apocalypse. The petitioner's subsequent information suggests these chargers provide an amenity which results in increased shopper traffic and both the Village Council and Plan Commission heard testimony of the same. Have we asked for input or comment from the EDC on this issue?*

No. If the Village Council directs staff to reach out to the EDC, the issue would be considered by the EDC Executive Committee for input.

*Please have our Traffic Engineering team provide commentary as to their opinion of traffic/safety impacts of the proposed signage on Main Street/Lemont Road/75th Street.*

The Illinois Department of Transportation's "Outdoor Advertising Rules & Guidelines" allows for multiple-message signs with changing displays, provided that the display does not change more frequently than once every 10 seconds and it does not create glare or impair the vision of a driver of any motor vehicle.

*What is the average retail lot depth on Ogden Avenue?*

Depths of retail lots on Ogden Avenue vary greatly. Three examples of this depth are provided below.



## 600 – 735 Feet

*Northwest Corner of  
Williams and Ogden Avenue*

*Typical large scale lot with either a larger shopping center anchored with big box retailer or a large scale car dealership.*



## 250 Feet

*Northeast Corner of  
Main Street and Ogden Avenue*

*Typical mid-size lot with a mid-size retailer/multi-tenant shopping center*



## 125 - 215 Feet

*Southeast Corner of  
Highland Avenue and Ogden Avenue*

*Typical small size lot with standalone small scale commercial use (or small-size multi-tenant building – typically service industry, with limited parking*

*Please provide brief summaries (location, petitioner, sign description, deviation from sign ordinance, date, reason) of the sign variances approved via PUD since the implementation of the sign ordinance. These could be lifted from here ([http://www.downers.us/public/docs/top\\_stories/sign%20ordinance\\_finalwithlinks.9.pdf](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/top_stories/sign%20ordinance_finalwithlinks.9.pdf)) but I'd like them included in Council Questions tied to the current meeting for ease of access for the public.*

**2006 Xsport Fitness Planned Unit Development** In July 2006, the Village Council approved an amendment for Xsport Fitness on Finley Road that allowed for the installation of monument signs and wall signs with height and area in excess of the maximum permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2007 Acadia on the Green Planned Unit Development Amendment** In March 2007, the Village Council approved an amendment for Acadia on the Green on Mochel Drive that allowed for wall signs that would not otherwise be permitted by the Sign Ordinance. 7

**2007 Esplanade Planned Unit Development Amendment (Sara Lee)** In August 2007, the Village Council approved an amendment to the Esplanade planned unit development to permit the installation of a wall sign on the office building at 3500 Lacey in excess of the maximum size permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2008 Esplanade Planned Unit Development Amendment (Carlucci's)** In August 2008, the Village Council approved an amendment to the Esplanade planned unit development that allowed Carlucci's restaurant to display temporary signage for a period longer than that allowed by ordinance and with an area in excess of the maximum permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2009 Good Samaritan Hospital Planned Unit Development Amendment** In July 2009, the Village Council approved an amendment that allows the hospital to display temporary banners for a period longer than that allowed by ordinance and with an area in excess of the maximum permitted by the sign ordinance.

**2010 Downers Park Plaza Planned Unit Development Amendment** In 2010, the Village Council approved an amendment to the Downers Park Plaza planned unit development to permit additional monument signs that would not otherwise be permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2012 Good Samaritan Hospital Planned Unit Development Amendment** In June 2012, the Village Council approved an amendment to the Good Samaritan Hospital planned unit development that permitted the construction of an additional monument sign that would not otherwise be permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2014 Art Van Planned Unit Development Amendment** In November 2014, the Village Council will consider a planned unit development amendment for the Art Van furniture store located on Butterfield Road. The proposed amendment would allow Art Van to install signage larger than the maximum permitted by the Sign Ordinance.

**2016 Packey Webb Ford Planned Unit Development** In August 2016, the Village Council approved a new planned unit development for the new Packey Webb Ford development on Ogden Avenue. The PUD allowed additional wall signs and additional sign area in excess of the maximum permitted by ordinance.

**2016 Fry's Electronics Planned Unit Development** In December 2016, the Village Council approved a new planned unit development for the existing Fry's Electronics store on Finley Road. The PUD allowed additional sign area in excess of the maximum permitted by ordinance.

**2018 Esplanade Planned Unit Development Amendment (Cooper's Hawk)** In November 2018, the Village Council approved an amendment to the Esplanade planned unit development that allowed Cooper's Hawk restaurant to permit the tollway monument sign to be located on the building, permit the placement of a sign on an elevation without street frontage and to allow additional sign area in excess of the maximum permitted by ordinance.

**Attachments**

Minutes of the sign committee

rRemarks for 3/10/2020

***APPROVED***  
Sign Committee  
**Workshop Discussion: Members from the Plan Commission, Economic  
Development Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2004 12:00 Noon  
Committee Room

**Present:** Commissioner Chalberg, Commissioner Benes, and Commissioner McCormick

**Absent:** Commission: Commissioner Nicholaou, Commissioner Randall

**Staff:** Joseph Skach, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Beth Janicki-Clark, Village Prosecutor  
Don Scheidler, Code Services

**Public:** Rick Wood, Group Sign; Michael Bogent, DG Chamber; Linda Kunze, Downtown Management Board; George Swimmer, 4905 Main Street; Ed Novak, various buildings; Karen Shabel, American Chartered Bank; Mitch Fox, DG Park District; Tom Sisul, DG Chamber; Stan Urban, Village Council; Debbie Filarski, DG National Bank; Phil Cullen, Ballydoyle

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**1. Reviewed the Village Council Moratorium Approval**

**Discussion:**

Members discussed the amendments to the Sign Moratorium that was passed by the Village Council on August 17, 2004. The Village Council passed an Ordinance stating that except for applications on file as of May 18, 2004, no sign permits shall be granted until further determinative Council action unless the sign conforms to the following:

- Except for governmental or temporary signs, freestanding sign shall be limited to one sign per zoning lot frontage with a maximum size of fifty (50) square feet and a maximum height of ten (10) feet, provided however, freestanding sign in the Concentrated Central Area shall be limited to one sign per zoning lot frontage with a maximum size of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. Each freestanding sign shall have an unobstructed area of at least four (4) feet in height measured from the ground to the bottom of the sign face;
- No sign permit shall be granted for any wall sign that exceeds one (1) square foot per one (1) lineal foot of tenant frontage.

**2. Review and Discuss Prohibited Signs.**

**Discussion:**

Generally the Sign Committee discussed the prohibited sign section and noted the following changes be made:

- Governmental signs area allowed to be attached to utility, traffic signal poles and light poles.
- Bare bulb illumination are allowed on marquees located in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District.
- Projecting signs are allowed in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District.

- Exterior signs containing exposed gas tubing are prohibited.
- Box-type signs are prohibited in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District.
- Real estate “Sold By” signs were eliminated from the prohibited sign list.
- Sign painted on the wall, roof, or fence is permitted in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District.

### **3. Review and Discuss Sign Definitions**

#### **Discussion:**

The Sign Committee generally discussed the proposed signage definitions. There was review and discussion of the definitions of monument signs, freestanding signs and the difference between the two. Clarification was added to these two sign definitions. The definition for a portable sign was also added to the definitions section. Additionally, clarification of the vehicle sign definition was also added.

### **4. Review and Discuss Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District**

#### **Discussion:**

The Sign Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed draft Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District and suggested that monument signs have a maximum height of five (5') feet while the maximum height of a shingle signs should be eight (8') feet. Additional discussion was also done on freestanding signs. It was discussed that freestanding signs should be allowed in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business Districts with a maximum height of eight (8') feet and a maximum of twenty (20) square feet.

### **5. Public Comment**

#### **Discussion:**

The general comments from the public where that they do not want homogenous, boring signage in the downtown, adding that there are some good signs in some of the categories that the Village is proposing to prohibit.

There was comment of providing overheads of the pages being discussed for the audience's benefit.

A comment was made in regards to changeable copy signs (i.e. Lincoln Center, Rec. Center, Firehouse, etc) and how those would be affected by these proposed revisions to the sign code and further noted that these signs provide a public service.

### **6. Adjourn - 2:00 PM**

## ***APPROVED MINUTES***

### **Sign Committee**

#### **Workshop Discussion: Members from the Plan Commission, Economic Development Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2004 12:00 PM

Committee Room

**Present:** Chair Nicholaou, Commissioner Chalberg, Commissioner Benes, Commissioner Randall, and Commissioner McCormick, Commissioner Waechtler

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Joseph Skach, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Beth Janicki-Clark, Village Prosecutor  
Keith Sbiral, Planner  
Lori Sommers, Planner

**Public:** Bob Esposito, Culvers

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### **1. Review and Approve Minutes**

The Sign Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from September 16, 2004.

### **2. Review and Discuss Ogden District Signage**

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Nicholaou open the meeting to Mr. Esposito from Culvers. Mr. Esposito stated that he was here today because he was urged by Mr. Skach to come to this meeting because of the possibility of the Sign Committee prohibiting menu board signs along Ogden Avenue. Mr. Esposito then explained and showed pictures of the type of signs he would be proposing for the Culvers site on Ogden Avenue. The Sign Committee generally stated that they would not be prohibiting menu board signs anywhere in the Village. The Sign committee then started discussions regarding changeable copy on signs and how the Culvers sign had one line of changeable copy to display its flavor of the day. The Sign Committee acknowledged that this Culvers sign was a nice monument type sign with one line of changeable copy.

Members continued their discussion on the draft proposed regulations for the Ogden District. Chair Nicholaou reminded the Sign Committee of the Ogden Avenue Master Plan and what the Master Plan had envisioned for the signage along Ogden Avenue. Chair Nicholaou passed out copies of these pages from the plan. Commissioner Randall stated that the Ogden Avenue Master Plan depicts freestanding signs that all look the same. He went on to state that he would not like all the signs to look alike and would like to know the cost of making these types of signs. The Sign Committee concurred that they still wanted monument type signs. The Sign Committee also generally agreed that multi-tenant buildings would most likely not be allowed to have a list of the individual businesses but instead a building name on their monument sign. Chair Nicholaou further stated that the Village should also be implementing the Village's Ogden Avenue entry signs per the Ogden Avenue Master Plan.

Commissioner Chalberg reviewed the vision of the Ogden Avenue Master Plan and stated that she strongly suggests making the address part of the sign. The Sign Committee concurred with this and stated that under the section for monument signs it should read that all signs must have the business address at the top of the sign per the Ogden Avenue Plan page 38.

The Sign Committee discussed whether or not they should allow monument signs to have changeable copy on them. The Sign Committee discussed the possibility of allowing possibly one or two lines of changeable copy on the sign. The majority of the Sign Committee stated that at this time they would be in favor of allowing monument signs along Ogden Avenue to have one line of changeable copy. Commissioner Waechtler stated that he is not in favor of allowing changeable copy on monument signs along Ogden Avenue because the Village will be replacing one problem with another. The Sign Committee acknowledged that they will need to review the changeable copy issue more and include LED signs into future discussions.

Mr. Skach stated the Sign Committee and the Village needs to be cognizant of attraction retention issues and that if businesses do not get the signs they want they will relocate their business.

Commissioner Chalberg handed out pictures of various signs along Ogden Avenue that she had taken. Commissioner Chalberg went on to explain the various pictures and how these various businesses would be affected by the proposed changes to the sign regulations. The Sign Committee generally agreed that the effects of the proposed changes would enhance Ogden Avenue and would help reduce the clutter.

### **3. Other**

The Chair asked the Sign Committee members to starting thinking about a date certain or something else that nonconforming signs would have to come down.

Commissioner Waechtler stated that the Sign Committee needs feedback from Ogden Businesses and asked if there was an Ogden Avenue Business Association. A Sign Committee member stated that there was not an Ogden Business Association. The Sign Committee generally suggested that they try to bring in some Ogden businesses since there has been a lack of involvement so far by those businesses along Ogden.

### **4. Next Meeting**

Chair Nicholaou stated that the next Sign Committee meeting would be next Thursday, September 30, 2004, in the Committee Room at Noon. Chair Nicholaou went on to state that the Sign Committee would continue the discussion of signage on Ogden Avenue specifically stating that the committee would be revisiting monuments and shopping centers.

### **5. Adjourn - 2:00 PM**

***APPROVED***  
**Sign Committee**  
**Workshop Discussion: Members from the Plan Commission, Economic  
Development Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 26, 2004, 2004 12:00 PM  
Committee Room

**Present:** Chair Nicholaou, Commissioner Chalberg, Commissioner Benes, Commissioner McCormick, and Commissioner Randall

**Absent:** Commissioner Waechtler

**Staff:** Don Scheidler, Inspector, Code Services  
Lori Sommers, Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Public:** Robert Pinelli, PS Signs and Apparel

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**1. Review and Approve Minutes**

The Sign Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from October 21, 2004, subject to correcting a typo.

**2. Review and Discuss Ogden District Signage**

**Discussion:**

Chair Nicholaou reported that the Chamber, Downtown Management Board and the public were all notified of the meeting date change from Thursday's to Tuesday's.

Chair Nicholaou started the meeting off by asking if the Sign Committee wished to start discussion on the uniformity of wall signs. Commissioner Randall stated that Naperville had approved larger signs for automobile dealerships and felt that the one hundred square feet was too big but noted that the City of Naperville is making a conscious decision to go after those tax dollars. The Sign Committee generally discussed that it did seem big and also wondered about the legal aspects of allowing one use to have larger signs than another. The Sign Committee asked if the Legal Department could look into it.

Commissioner Randall asked for a review of last week's discussion on illuminating awnings and wondered if the Sign Committee should review this section under the CCA/Fairview District. Chair Nicholaou reviewed their discussion on awning on Ogden and stated that the committee would return to the downtown district for further discussion after the draft of the code is completed.

Chair Nicholaou asked if the committee would like to review frontages. Commissioner Benes stated that he had a suggestion for possibly alleviating some issues pertaining to the visibility of signs along Ogden Avenue. Mr. Benes suggested that the Sign Committee allow two sign heights, one for a ten-foot monument and the other for a pole type sign that had the sign portion start at ten-feet but not be higher than fifteen feet tall. The Sign Committee discussed this suggestion and questioned if it would really solve the problem of height. Mr. Scheidler stated that if the Sign Committee wished to pursue this option then there is a possibility that Ogden Avenue could end up looking similar to what the Village has now. Mrs. Sommers stated that this suggestion does not seem to contain the theme of having the signage along Ogden consistent. Chair Nicholaou suggested that the Sign Committee should make alternatives based on the direction we have been heading.

The Sign Committee then turned their discussion to monument signs and the proposed requirement for having the base be a minimum of eighty percent of the width of sign. Chair Nicholaou stated that he would like to have a page in the final ordinance that shows various depictions of the type of signs and bases allowed by the new code.

Commissioner Chalberg stated that she did not think that these eighty percent bases would look good up and down Ogden Avenue. She continue to state that the signs depicted in the Ogden Avenue Master Plan shows pole type signs and would those be allowed now? Mrs. Sommers stated that those pole signs would not be allowed unless the bases were eighty percent of the sign. Mr. Scheidler suggested changing the definition of a monument sign to state that a monument must be supported by a base, which is a minimum of two feet wide, by the width of the sign. The Sign Committee generally agreed with that change.

The Sign Committee next discussed whether or not to allow changeable copy signs or digital signs. The Sign Committee quickly all agreed that they did not want to allow digital type, LED, signs. The Sign Committee asked if the Legal Department could look into how the Village would defend not allowing any LED's or flashing signs. The discussion then turned to changeable copy lines and whether to allow one, two line or none at all. The committee generally felt that if they allowed changeable copy then it would be counted as part of the total allowable signage. The Sign Committee discussed one line verses two lines of changeable copy and decided on allowing one line of changeable copy stating that then they were being business friendly and accommodating to those that used changeable copy signs. The committee also felt that some businesses might not want to use a portion of their total allowable signage for the monument sign and opt to have a promotional window sign instead.

Chair Nicholaou stated the Village should have an automatic review date of five years after approval.

Commissioner Benes asked if the Legal Department could look into the Federal Guidelines for gas station signage. He further stated that he thinks that the Federal Guidelines only state that the price must be placed on the pump and does not specifically state that they need to have a sign displaying their prices.

Chair Nicholaou stated that at the next meeting the committee should review random sites along Ogden Avenue, like they did with the downtown area, and note the signage options for each business. Specifically, the committee should note the positives about the new ordinance, what needs to be corrected, review and modify the prohibited sign category, and if there needs to be modifications to the CCA/Fairview District, such as in illuminating awnings.

Mr. Scheidler suggested that next Tuesday's meeting be cancelled due to elections and with the Village, as a polling place will make it difficult to hold a meeting. The Sign Committee agreed to cancel the meeting. Chair Nicholaou ask Mrs. Sommers to notify the Chamber, Downtown Management Board and have Mr. Kozlowski notify the Sun and the Reporter that there will be no meeting next week.

### **3. Next Meeting**

Chair Nicholaou stated that the next Sign Committee meeting would be next Tuesday, November 9, 2004, in the Committee Room at Noon.

### **4. Adjourn – 1:50 PM**

**APPROVED**  
Sign Committee  
**Workshop Discussion: Members from the Plan Commission, Economic  
Development Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2004 12:00 PM  
Committee Room

**Present:** Chair Nicholaou, Commissioner Chalberg, Commissioner Benes, Commissioner Waechtler, Commissioner Randall, and Commissioner McCormick

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Beth Janicki-Clark, Village Prosecutor  
Don Scheidler, Inspector, Code Services  
Lori Sommers, Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Public:** Michael Bogert, Downers Grove Chamber; Barb Wysocki, Downers Grove Chamber

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**1. Review and Approve Minutes**

The Sign Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from November 16, 2004.

**2. Review and Discuss Signage**

**Discussion:**

Chair Nicholaou started the meeting discussing Ogden Avenue signage and that the Sign Committee decided per the Ogden Avenue Master Plan that monument signs should have a numerical street address located on the sign.

The Sign Committee reviewed awnings and added that if an awning or canopy hangs over the public right-of-way then they must enter into a license agreement with the Village. Commissioner Randall questioned the two color limitation and stated that many businesses have logos with more than two colors. Mrs. Sommers stated that logos are exempt from this provision.

Chair Nicholaou reviewed the Sign Committee's recommendation that second floor businesses can have placards or a blade sign displayed at the front entrance. The Sign Committee raised the question about whether second floor businesses should be allowed window signs. The Committee decided to table this issue and come back to it when they discuss the Liquor Commission's issues.

The Sign Committee reviewed and discussed noncommercial signage which includes institutional, home occupations and subdivision entry signs. Commissioner Chalberg questioned if the structure of the entry gate sign was counted towards the total square footage allowed. Mr. Scheidler stated that they do not calculate the structure for the sign area but there is a height restriction.

Home occupation signs were discussed and it was felt that freestanding signs should not be allowed for home occupations. The Sign Committee also stated that the total sign face area allowed should be reduced from four square feet to two square feet.

Commissioner Waechtler questioned if under the insurance and bond requirements that it should be raised to a million dollars based on our recent conversations about sandwich board signs. Ms. Janicki-Clark stated that she would look into it.

Chair Nicholaou stated that for the amortization section that all signs need to comply by 2010 and if there were any modifications to a sign except standard maintenance then the sign needs to comply with the new regulations. Commissioner Waechtler stated that the committee should put a specific date such as January 1, 2010. The Sign Committee agreed with this date. Commissioner Waechtler also questioned if the Village wants to create incentives for conforming before 2010. Commissioner Randall stated that that is not in the purview of this committee but could be something that the EDC could look into.

Ms. Janicki-Clark raised a question to the group stating that there are prior one year amortization periods for roof and off premises signs. This committee needs to understand that once these new regulations are passed those types of signs will be allowed to continue until the new amortization date of January 1, 2010.

Mr. Benes stated that the variations section needs to be reviewed and possibly modified based on our discussions. Chair Nicholaou stated that it could be attached to the Sign Committee's recommendations.

The Sign Committee then reviewed the definitions section. The Sign Committee decided to add a definition for electronic changeable copy and place electronic changeable copy signs as a prohibited sign. Commissioner McCormick stated that in five years the Village might want to review this since there might be new technology. The Sign Committee felt that electronic changeable copy should be prohibited.

The Sign Committee reviewed window signs and asked for clarification on what is counted as the sign in the twenty percent window allowance. The twenty percent is calculated for permanent or temporary signage in the window. It needs to be clarified in the temporary sign section that temporary window signs are exempt from permit. The Sign Committee questioned if the twenty percent should be changed to twenty-five percent to allow more flexibility to merchants. The Sign Committee agreed to twenty-five percent.

The Sign Committee also discussed second floor signage in the CCA/Fairview District and requiring window signs mounted inside of the glass in metallic or white text with no background and only allowing the business name. The Sign Committee also suggested requiring individual letters for wall signs and not having internally illuminated awnings in the CCA/Fairview District. The Sign Committee continued stating that no temporary window signs should be allowed on the second floor.

Mr. Scheidler reviewed the CCA/Fairview District front yard setbacks in section 28.1110(i) that states that in the CCA/Fairview District there are no setbacks for signs. The Sign Committee stated that this section should be moved into the new ordinance.

Ms. Janicki-Clark reminded the Sign Committee that they needed to review the items from the Liquor Commission. Chair Nicholaou stated that staff should write a recommendation to the Sign Committee on this issue. He went on to state that he does not think it is in our purview to decide what people put in their windows. Ms. Janicki-Clark questioned how the Sign Committee felt about lettering on patio umbrellas, should that be counted towards total square footage of signage allowed. The question was raised as to what constitutes a window sign. Chair Nicholaou stated that any sign visible from the street should be counted as a window sign.

### **3. Adjourn – 2:55 PM**



**rRemarks Data for March 10, 2020 Village Council Meeting**

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
8. Manager's Report	A. REP 2020-8505 A report discussing the facilities replacement and sustainability plan (FRSP)	<p>I would like to support the comments being made by the Downers Grove Clean Energy Task Force, and I would like to see the design and construction of a municipal building that incorporates renewable energy and energy conservation. A village hall/police department facility that uses the latest clean energy technology will reduce energy usage, carbon emissions, and operating costs, and provide a model of environmental sustainability that the residents of Downers Grove can be proud of. This building should include:</p> <p>Installation of solar panels to provide power to the building.</p> <p>Energy-efficient building design using sustainable construction practices and incorporating high-efficiency HVAC, insulation, passive solar design, and other features consistent with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) or Net Zero Energy standards.</p> <p>Electric vehicle charging stations made available to village and commuter parkers in the parking lot.</p> <p>Tree plantings to provide shade for the building and parking lot to reduce "heat island" effects in areas where solar panels are not placed.</p> <p>Native landscaping to further help absorb stormwater. This building should serve as a model to residents and the surrounding community of sustainable and energy efficient design. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards, Irene Hogstrom</p>	<p>Irene Hogstrom 1232 Gilbert Avenue Downers Grove, IL</p>