

APPROVED

Sign Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2004 12:00 PM

Committee Room

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

Absent: Commissioner McCormick and Commissioner Waechtler

Staff: Enza Petracca, Village Attorney
Beth Janicki-Clark, Village Prosecutor
Amanda Riordan, Director, Planning and Community Development

Public: Michael Bogert, Downers Grove Chamber

1. Review and Approve Minutes

The Sign Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from November 30, 2004, subject to revisions submitted by Commissioner Chalberg.

2. Review and Discuss Proposed Amendments

Discussion:

The Sign Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed sign code amendments starting with the definitions. The Sign Committee requested that the definition of marquee sign be reinserted into the definitions section. The Committee then discussed the differences of freestanding signs and monument signs. The Sign Committee stated that they just want to restrict single pole signs and that monuments signs should not be limited to masonry material. There was discussion of removing freestanding signs and amending the definition of a monument sign, however the Committee amended the definition of freestanding sign to a sign with at least two support structures made of wood or masonry material.

The Sign Committee stated that there should be two graphics depicting the various options for a monument sign. The Sign Committee also wanted to make it clear that tent signs were considered portable signs in the definitions section. In reviewing the definition for a roof sign the Sign Committee wanted to state that the face of a mansard roof would be excluded.

In reviewing the proposed language for illumination the committee clarified that exterior to the building exposed neon is prohibited. The Committee also noted that single pole signs with poles less than two feet wide would also be prohibited.

In reviewing garage sale and signs accessory to parking areas the committee felt that a maximum size of four square feet would be adequate.

Commissioner Chalberg stated that she would like to see a statement added noting that the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District is subject to a different section. The Committee went on to discuss wall signs and wanted to add a provision to allow Good Samaritan Hospital and other tall office buildings to keep there signs.

The Sign Committee discussed awnings and regulating their colors. It was decided that awnings are only allowed two colors except for logos and could be internally illuminated. In discussing window signs the committee clarified that they would like to see individual letters or etchings in

the windows and that interior window signs located within five feet of a window will be calculated against the total allowable signage.

The Sign Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed language for the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District. The committee felt that tenant frontage should be used to calculate the maximum total sign surface area allowed. The Committee also determined that monument signs in the Concentrated Central Area/Fairview Concentrated Business District should have a maximum height of seven feet. The Sign Committee also decided that this section would not require front setbacks for signs.

3. Adjourn – 2:18 PM