

MINUTES

RILEY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD/ BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Monday, October 8, 2012
7:30 pm

Courthouse Plaza East
Commission Meeting Room
115 North 4th Street

Members Present: Lorn Clement, Chairman
Dr. Tom Taul, Vice-Chair
Diane Hoobler
Julie Henton

Members Absent: John Wienck

Staff Present: Monty Wedel – Director, Bob Isaac – Planner

Others Present: Bart Thomas

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were presented and approved. The Report of Fees for the month of September 2012 (\$600.00) was presented and approved.

Diane Hoobler moved to adjourn the joint meeting of the Riley County Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals and, due to the lack of agenda items for the Board of Zoning Appeals, moved to reconvene as the Riley County Planning Board.

Julie Henton seconded. Carried 4-0

RILEY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Amend Section 15 – Signs of the Riley County Zoning Regulations

Lorn Clement opened the public hearing to amend Section 15 – Signs, of the Riley County Zoning Regulations.

Monty Wedel presented the amendment request. Mr. Wedel stated the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board forwarded a recommendation of approval of the proposed amendments with the following modification to the language in the Notice of Public Hearing: “No flashing, rotating or otherwise moving signs and no signs lighted in such a way as to create the illusion of movement shall be located in any residential ~~or~~, commercial *or industrial* district”.

Bart Thomas said he supports the proposed amendments.

Chairman Clement stated he is concerned with item 3. of Lighting which states, "Lighting for advertising signs shall be constructed so that illumination is directed upward." He asked if light pollution and ambient light had been addressed in the process. He said that through earlier discussions, Bob Isaac assured him that new technology focuses light on the boards more directly, minimizing light trespass. Chairman Clement suggested for future regulation amendments to cite references, not necessarily in the regulations, but in the minutes of meetings so others could find reliable information and resources.

Bart Thomas stated fluorescent tubes have been used in the past but the industry is now using a magnifying lens, which shoots light in the form of a rectangle onto the sign. He said there is a newer lighting which is a type of prismatic bulb which is extremely expensive.

Tom Taul moved to close the public hearing. Diane Hoobler seconded. Carried 4-0.

Tom Taul moved to forward a recommendation of approval to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the proposed amendments as published and shown in the staff report with the following addition: "No flashing, rotating or otherwise moving signs and no signs lighted in such a way as to create the illusion of movement shall be located in any residential ~~or~~, commercial *or industrial* district".

Julie Henton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Wedel announced that the Board of County Commissioners would hear the request on October 15, 2012, at 9:15 am, in the Commission chambers.

Tom Taul asked if there was an update on the Capstone violation from legal counsel.

Monty Wedel stated counsel is to send written correspondence to the property owner explaining that an office for a church is allowed, however, congregating as a church is not.

Tom Taul moved to adjourned. Julie Henton seconded. Carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.