

MINUTES

SPECIAL
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Thursday, August 24, 1989

10:00 a.m.

Members present: Jerry Dietz, Robert Boone, Joyce Rigler and Don Hawkins.

Members absent: David Wright, Ben Turbeville and James Canaday.

Staff present: Gene Cravens, Pat Payne, and Gilbert Villa.

Visitors: T. H. Bush.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m by Chairman Don Hawkins.

The only item of business on the agenda was a request from Tommy Bush for a variance of 28' in sign height restrictions on I-35, as administered by the I-35 Corridor Development Standards Ordinance. Mr. Bush's request was for a 50' sign to be erected at a proposed motel he plans to build. The sign height limitation for the I-35 Corridor is 22'.

Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Cravens if would care to comment on the request for the variance. Mr. Cravens stated that he had gone back out to the area and observed all the signs up and down the Interstate. The Denny's sign is 49.5 feet high; the Exxon sign across the highway is 58 feet high; and the Holiday Inn sign to the south is 58 feet high also. He said that the request, being based on the consensus that Mr. Bush be given the same opportunity as everyone else in the area to enjoy his property, should be granted, being reversed from the original recommendation.

Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Bush if he would like to speak. Mr. Bush stated that the sign height might mean building or not building his motel because travelers would have to be aware of the motel far enough ahead in order to be able to exit the Interstate, and the sign height would be detrimental in determining that. He also stated he would like for the City to consider a taller, maximum sign height restriction for Interstate 35.

After no further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Boone and seconded by Joyce Rigler to grant the 28 foot variance to the maximum sign height requirements of the I-35 Development Standards Ordinance. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Boone, Hawkins, Rigler and Dietz. Nays: None. Absent: Wright, Canaday and Turbeville.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.