

Planning and Zoning Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 09, 2004

Members Present: David Wright, Bill Williams, Dr. John Gage and Jan Russell

Members Absent: Randy Jones, Tom Carson and Lupe Lozano

Staff Present: Roy Lewis, Carlos Vigil and Marcia McLaughlin

Visitors Present: List on file.

MEETING OPENED: 4:13 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5.04 P.M.

ITEM # 1 - Call the meeting to order and declare a quorum.

ITEM # 2 - Citizen Comments – none were presented.

ITEM # 3 - Approval of the Board Minutes for the meeting of October 12, 2004.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written, with a second by Dr. Gage.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Russell, Gage, Williams, Wright.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jones, Lozano, Carson.

ABSTENTION: None

ITEM # 4 - Sign Ordinance

To consider and make a recommendation to amend the Sign Code Ordinance.

Item # 6 was moved to item # 4 due to the fact that there are a number of sign variances that needed to be discussed.

After presentation by staff and some discussion from Lamar Outdoor Advertising the Commissioners directed staff to make the following changes and to submit to City Council with the recommendation for approval.

1. Prohibit reader boards.
2. Any signs to be painted on building should be approved by P & Z and reviewed by a committee of the Main Street Board if signs are on downtown buildings.
3. Painted building “ghost” signs must be researched for historical accuracy.

Ms. Russell made a motion to approve this item with corrections with a second by Dr. Gage.

The motion carried by the following vote:
AYES: Gage, Williams, Wright and Russell.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Jones, Lozano, Carson.
ABSTENTION: None.

ITEM # 5 – Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a two-sided billboard to be installed at 1415 N. Grand Ave. for Lamar Advertising Company. Case # PZ-26-04.

No action was taken.

ITEM # 6 - Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a 8 foot variance from the 10 foot requirement of the sign ordinance for a sign to be located at the corner of 3200 E. Hwy 82. Case # PZ-27-04.

No action was taken.

ITEM # 7 - Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a billboard installation at 801 N. I 35. Case # PZ-29-04.

No action was taken.

ITEM # 8 - Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for the signs painted on the building located at 201 West California for B-29 Investments, L. P. Case # PZ-30-04.

No action was taken.

ITEM # 9 – Billboards

Discuss status of billboards in violation of TX Dot regulations.

No action was taken.

ITEM # 10 - Grand Avenue Overlay District Ordinance

To consider and make a recommendation to adopt an ordinance to regulate future development along Grand Avenue with an Overlay District.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve this item, with a second by Ms. Russell.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Gage, Williams, Wright and Russell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jones, Lozano, and Carson.

ABSTENTION: None.

ITEM # 11 - Staff Report

None presented at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Adjournment of meeting at 5:04 P. M.