

Call to Order

Chairman Susanke called the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Chairman Susanke and Commissioners Gilmore, Haley, Kaufman, Kotleba, Martin and Shore. Also in attendance were Community Development Planner Jennifer Becker and Community Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, and Board Liaison Trustee Norm Ost.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Susanke led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioners Gilmore and Kotleba moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Shore moved and Kaufman seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting without amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Questions from the Audience - None

New Business

Public Hearing
Petition 02-10
Sign Surface Area Variation
Maxwell's Restaurant – 551 S. Eighth Street

MOTION: The public hearing was opened by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Becker confirmed publication in the newspaper.

Chairman Susanke read background on the requested variation. Applicant Pascalis Shikalis was present to answer questions from the Commissioners. Mr. Shikalis stated that the business has been using the promotional signage allowance to advertise their

specials, but they felt the need to have a permanent changeable copy sign. This will allow them to advertise specials year round, and not have the visual clutter of the additional promotional sign.

The Commissioners had several questions about the substitution of the permanent sign for the temporary one. Commissioner Martin asked if the sign was backlit, and the applicant responded that it would be. Commissioner Haley asked if the proposed sign was consistent with other changeable copy signs along the Rt. 31 commercial corridor. Director Tymoszenko responded that staff had worked with the applicant to reduce the size and placement of the proposed sign to be the minimum allowable for visibility while requesting the smallest possible variation, while maintaining consistency with the other signs in the corridor.

MOTION: Commissioner Shore moved and Commissioner Kotleba seconded to close the public hearing, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Gilmore then moved to recommend allowing the surface area variation for the changeable copy sign as set forth in the staff memo dated February 18, 2010. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and zero no's.

There was some continued discussion on the upcoming sign ordinance amendment. Director Tymoszenko stated that staff would be prepared to circulate a draft ordinance early in March with a 30 day comment period to follow. She asked the Commission to look for the draft and respond with comments. Staff will place discussion of this issue on the March Commission agenda.

The meeting was then adjourned by unanimous agreement at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becker, Acting Secretary