



City of Donnelly

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Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm

AT

Donnelly Community Center
MINUTES

Roll Call: 6:00 p.m. Sally Gilbert, George Dorris, Gene Tyler, Maggie Bryant and Larry Mangum were present. Quorum exists. Clerk Cami Hedges and Administrator Delta James were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Sign Code 18.95 Amendments

Chairman Mangum opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Administrator recapped the amendments to the sign code per her staff report.

Mangum asked for supporters:

Paul Sevioan owner Roseberry Plaza spoke in favor of the changes to the sign code. He did not see any problems with changes and said that the Council has the real concerns as to enforcement. He stated to let the people advertise as they want to.

Sherry Gestrin owner of Long Valley Farm Service. Thanks, the commission for the changes, but suggests that the City relax a little and look a little better. Common sense should take care of the issues.

Leon Renz – Brundage Realty like the changes however wants to see changing of the sign that is statically illuminated should be allowed to change five to ten times in a 24 hours period.

Mangum asked for anyone that was Neutral

Mary Jane Mangum representing Stinker Station and Steve Watts agrees with the amendments to the sign code. His main concern was that of the sign area and free-standing signs which were both addressed. Maybe the sign code should reflect what type of business it is to determine the regulations. He believes that rotating LED signs should be allowed (animated signs) and one size fits all is not always acceptable.

Callie Smith owner of Fly Trap Antiques and property would just like clarification on the what is a rotating sign, animated sign and prohibited sign. There are animated signs throughout the City for example OPEN signs and would like to see conformity and the sign violations enforced. Maybe way finding signs or directional signs would help for off premise signage.

Kristi Aauker owner of Donnelly Thrift Store located in Roseberry Plaza. She would like to be able to place a sandwich board or sign at the intersection of SH55 and Roseberry to advertise her business.

Mangum asked for Opposition:

Charles Hunter owner of Hunters Meadow located at Roseberry Plaza. He thanked the commission for their hard work. He stated that they were doing well but would thrive if off premise signage would be allowed. He asked the commission if it really mattered how many times the a sign changes electronically, manually or digital?

Peggy Boyette owner of Donnelly Thrift Store located at Roseberry Plaza. She stated that people do not know that they are even there. Wants to be able to let people know that they exist and other business in the plaza do as well. She also relates to all other comments made.

Michelle Basey owner of Brundage Realty. She stated that Wellington's sign in Cascade received a grant for their animated sign.

No further comment was stated. Chairman Mangum asked the commission for their comments.

Gilbert stated that the Commission was trying to make things easier and directional signage may help.

Dorris said he didn't hear anything against the proposed changes of the code that is presented in front of the commission at this meeting to go into further discussion. If we want to go into more information on the animated and off premise signage it is not reflected in the changes presented.

Tyler indicated that the Commission did great work and the administrator did a good job with the changes. The public say they want electronic signage to be allowed so we should address this. He stated that the City violates their own policy with the speed sign which he believes to be an animated informational sign. The Commission needs to look into this and change it. The City needs to adhere to the current policy, there are already flashing OPEN signs in town and we need to address this and be consistent. He also stated that he did not see an issue with the off-premise signage and asked why can't Brundage Realty advertise other businesses within the city on their reader or sign?

Bryant had no comment.

Mangum said he likes the small town and wants businesses to survive.

Chairman Mangum closed the hearing at 6:52 p.m. as there were no further comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Design Review Code 18.135 Amendments

Chairman Mangum opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Administrator recapped the amendment to the design code per her staff report.

Mangum asked for any public comment. There was none. Clerk did not receive any written comment.

Dorris was unclear on the 500 sq ft requirement.

Mangum closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Previous Minutes

Motion by Gilbert, 2nd by Tyler to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilbert, 2nd by Bryant to approve the minutes from May 1, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Election of P&Z Chairman

Clerk presented each year a new P&Z Chairman is to be elected. It was a tie vote for the past two meetings for Mangum and Gilbert. Dorris was able to attend this meeting and make his vote.

Mangum – Dorris, Tyler

Gilbert – Bryant

Larry Mangum will reside as the P&Z Chairman for this year 2017.

Donnelly Sign Code 18.95 Recommendation

Gilbert stated she felt good with the proposed changes and would like to recommend the amendments to be sent to City Council. She believes that the other changes that were brought up during the Public Hearing should go back to the Commission to review. She also asked what historical signs are in Donnelly to fit criteria to City Council. Long Valley Motel, State Bank

Administrator James would recommend that the Commission does not allow off-premise signage.

Dorris stated that the internally lit signs discussed in the public hearing had a cut off time was already there. He is good to recommend to the City Council the proposed amendments.

Tyler had a concern that the Commission did not sufficiently address the community concerns and would like the P&Z Commission to revisit sign code 18.95 to address the concerns of off-premise signage and animated signs.

Motion by Dorris, 2nd by Gilbert to recommend the proposed sign code amendments to City Council. Discussion - Tyler did not agree with recommending to City Council and stated it was not business friendly and that the commission is not wanting to discuss further changes. Mangum stated that everyone here agreed with the proposed changes. Bryant had no comment.

A roll call vote was taken for the Motion.

Gilbert (yes) Dorris (yes) Tyler (no) Bryant (yes). Motion carried to recommend the proposed changes to City Council.

Donnelly Design Review 18.135 Recommendation

Commission verified with Administrator the application must be received 45 days prior to commission meeting, since it is proposed to be a public hearing, not 45 working days.

Dorris is concerned that the Commission may opening itself up by allowing less than the 500 sq ft to not have a public hearing.

Motion by Tyler, 2nd by Bryant to recommend the proposed Design Review amendments to City Council. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Gilbert, 2nd by Tyler to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 10, 2017. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Approved: October 2, 2017