

Planning and Zoning Minutes Aug. 18th, 2009

Present: Mike O'Neill, Karen Hodge, Pete Linville, Troy Barry

Meeting Minutes for the dates of June 16th, 18th and July 7th of, 2009 were approved with minor corrections.

Parking Ordinance Hearing/ Bill Knight went over the parking ordinance as it is proposed and showed where the changes are that were discussed with the P&Z from their last meeting. This revision of the present parking regulation that will replace the current "Appendix E Detailed Performance Standards For Off Street Parking and Loading." This chapter is located in Title 10 of the Victor Code Book and regulates the number of parking spaces required for a business. The new ordinance reduces the number of required parking spaces in the Central Business Zone, it provides for a fee in lieu of providing spaces and provides for a shared parking guide.

Pete Linville questioned the calculation and wanted to see a few examples of a few of the current projects and how it would affect them.

The hearing was opened to the public for comment. **Mike Sheridan** spoke against the change explaining that he felt the change was to benefit a particular downtown property owner. He explained that with the new striping, he has lost a few parking spaces.

Gary Todeschi was against the change and proceeded to speak against the change of striping for the downtown with the new angled parking.

The public input portion of the meeting was closed and the commission deliberated the points of the regulation. Pete wanted to review the new numbers with proposed projects and make sure the change was significant enough to accomplish the goal of not acquiring large parking areas in the downtown area.

A motion was made to table the vote for further review. The vote was unanimous.

Finale Review of the Proposed sign Ord./ Staff member Cari Golden explained that the group that worked together for a change to the sign ordinance were questioning the changes made to their draft of the proposed sign ordinance. Joni McCracken manages a business that is located at the south end of town. The speed limit in this area is 55 MPH. She provided a document done by the International Sign Association and the Federal Highway Dept. that explained required legibility distance. The size of sign the commission is requiring for this area does not allow for the sign to be large enough to read at the speed traveled.

Donna and Joe Nethercott from the Cowboy Roadhouse has similar concerns. They need to have the ability to advertise from the road.

Cari explained that the signs you see advertised from a freeway would be that of lodging gas and eating. Those are the services that make people stop. We need to be able to help those businesses as best we can.

The commission was appreciative of the documentation provided and would see that they incorporated a monument sign and they would finish the provision for the LED lights.

The meeting was adjourned.

P&Z Admin. Cari Golden

P&Z Chairman- Mike O'Neill