

Board of Zoning Appeals
December 20, 2007
Minutes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members were present: John Feick, Walt Matthews and John Mears. Bill Semans was excused and Kevin Zeiher was absent. Carrie Handy was present to represent the Planning Dept. and Amanda Keegan was present to represent the Law Dept.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, October 18, 2007. Mr. Mears moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Matthews seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Feick stated that anyone who wished to speak needed to be sworn in and he proceeded to swear them in.

The first item under New Business was an application for a variance to the required setback, maximum square footage and minimum clearance to allow an electronic message center sign at the property located at 1007 W. Perkins Avenue, filed by Brady Signs on behalf of Jasinto, Inc./Casa Fiesta.

Chairman Feick asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of this request. Mark Morehart from Brady Signs stated that he re-measured the clearance of the sign and the side of the sign closest to the street did meet the minimum clearance but due to the slope of the ground, the side closest to the restaurant was a little shy. He stated that the new sign had the capability of minimizing the number of signs on the pole, there was presently a 1' x 6' sign below and a 2½' x 7' that acted as the static reader board. That added up to 24 s.f. and the new sign that would replace those would be only about 33 s.f. with the actual visual opening of the sign to be approximately 29 s.f. The increase of the size would be less than 10 s.f. and it wouldn't be placed any lower on the existing structure or closer to the street. Mr. Morehart stated that they weren't really changing the structure of the sign as far as the footprint.

Chairman Feick clarified that the existing two posts were not moving, it was only a sign face change.

Mr. Mears stated that the conditional use permit had been approved by Planning Commission the night before and he moved that the variances be approved. Mr. Matthews seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers for 2008.

Mr. Mears moved that the officers continue as in the past year, Mr. Matthews seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. John Feick will continue as Chairman and Bill Semans will continue as Vice-Chairman.

There was no further business before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Mary L. Grendow, Clerk

John Feick, Chairman