

CITY OF LAFAYETTE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2013

Call to Order: Ron Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Lori Martino, Community Development Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Marian Chasse, Sean Chase, Michael Karl, Ronald Kerr.

Absent: Sam Dunn, Todd Holt and Laura Erickson (all excused)

Staff Present: Jim Jacks, City Planner; Lori Martino, Community Development Clerk

Others: Robin Mullin

Approval of Minutes:

Ron Kerr made a motion to approve the March 21, 2013 meeting minutes. Marian Chasse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Kerr made a motion to approve the April 18, 2013 meeting minutes. Marian Chasse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: For Legislative Amendment 2013-01, Sign Amendments

Ron Kerr opened the hearing at 7:04.

Jim Jacks went over the hearing procedure and entered the staff report and attachments into the record.

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Ron Kerr suggested that item L on page 7 ,should state for clarity that, *During the period 30 calendar days prior to and 14 calendar days after an election date, non-lighted signs not exceeding 6 square feet each and a total of all signs not exceeding 30 square feet may be displayed on private property.*

There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding changing the square footage to 32 square feet. The consensus was to make that change. Item L will now reference 32 square feet.

Jim Jacks continued going over the staff report.

Marian Chasse questioned if People's Market was an illegal sign. Lori Martino noted that it was not illegal, it is considered non-conforming. Robin Mullin (1100 Monroe Street) questioned what non-conforming meant. Ron Kerr noted that a non-conforming sign is a sign that is placed prior to the adoption of new regulations. Lori Martino noted that a sign that was prohibited prior to the adoption of the new regulations is not considered non-conforming and must meet the new regulations.

Jim Jacks continued going over the staff report.

Ron Kerr noted that under 2.206.11, A; 1, the last sentence should read *except a wall sign of up to 24 square feet is allowed.*

Jim Jacks continued with the staff report.

Marian Chasse questioned if a commercial property placed an election sign on their property, would it need to adhere to the commercial regulations. Ron Kerr noted that it would not, it would fall under the election sign regulations.

Item B; 1 was changed to reflect the above change. *Except a wall sign of up to 24 square feet.*

Jim Jacks continued with the staff report.

There was a discussion amongst the commissioners and staff regarding the regulations for order signs and the 100 percent sight obscuring fence, wall or hedge.

Mike Karl question if item 4 on page 11 (sign location) also included political signs. Jim noted that it could but most political signs are short enough that they would not obscure vision. Lori Martino noted that since signs are not allowed on or in the right-of-way, most places are not able to place signs anywhere near the vision clearance area.

Discussion ensued.

Ron Kerr question if there was any testimony from the audience.

Robin Mullin noted that she was a little concerned about some of the language because she did not understand it, but the items she was concerned about became clear after the discussion the commissioners had.

Ron Kerr closed the hearing at 7:40pm.

Ron Kerr asked for a recommendation. Marian Chasse made a motion to accept the staff report with the minor changes made and that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments. Mike Karl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Jim Jacks gave the Planning Commission an update on the UGB process and the land inventory.

Ron Kerr made a motion to adjourn. Marian Chasse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.