

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 2022**

At 8:58 p.m., Chairman Roemerma opened the meeting of the Architectural Review Board. Also, in attendance were Board Members McGrath, Compton, Cahill, Duffy and Boggs.

Also present were: City Atty. Malone, City Manager Schwer, City Planner Hood, and City Clerk Dohack.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Roemerma moved to approve the evening's Architectural Review Board meeting agenda, seconded by Board Member Compton. The votes on the motion were all "AYES".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Roemerma moved to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 Architectural Review Board meeting, seconded by Board Member McGrath. The votes on the motion were all "AYES".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**15978 Manchester Road (Culvers Restaurant), sign variance**

Request of Culvers Restaurant for review and approval of a sign variance associated with an electronic message board/monument sign located at 15978 Manchester Road within the C-3 Commercial Zoning District.

Trey Watts with Springfield Sign participated in the meeting representing Culvers Restaurant. Mr. Watts began by stated that the monument sign dimensions are within the City's requirements. The variance is being requested due to the electronic message board.

Discussion took place pertaining to the electronic sign. Mayor Roemerma noted that he was amenable to the requested variance. Council Member McGrath commented that he liked the sign, but was not in favor of the led sign.

Council Member McGrath moved to remove the electronic message board from the sign, seconded by Council Member Duffy. The votes on the motion were: McGrath "AYE", Compton "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Duffy "NAY", Boggs "NAY", and Roemerma "NAY". The motion to amend failed.

Discussion continued due to electronic message portion of the sign. Council Member Compton was also not in favor of the electronic portion of the sign. Council Member Duffy was not in favor of an LED sign, but would be amenable to a monochromatic sign. Council Member Cahill stated that the that an electronic message board would be distracting.

Mr. Watts stated that he understood the concern with improper use of the device, but this type of sign allows for a static image and would agree to a rule that the sign would only be changed once a day. Council Member Duffy asked if the sign could utilize blue color and suggested amber or black color to reduce brightness for less distraction. Additional discussion continued on the specification of the sign and ways to make it less distracting.

Mayor Roemerma would like to have this sign approved with conditions or stipulations. Council Member McGrath asked for point of order to vote on the matter.

The votes on the motion to amend were: McGrath "AYE", Compton "AYE", Cahill "AYE", Duffy "NAY", Boggs "NAY", and Roemerma "NAY". The motion to amend failed.

More discussion took place on the brightness of the sign and what would be an amenable level.

Mayor Roemerma moved to continue this petition to provide additional information on the lumen specifications to staff, seconded by Council Member Boggs. The votes were: McGrath "NAY", Compton "NAY", Cahill "NAY", Duffy "NAY", Boggs "AYE", and Roemerma "AYE". The motion to amend failed.

Council Member Duffy moved to have the sign change only once within a 24-hour period and make sure the electronic message portion of the sign be regulated to no more than 3,000 Kelvins. The motion was seconded by Mayor Roemerma. The votes on the amendment were: McGrath "NAY", Compton "NAY", Cahill "NAY", Duffy "AYE", Boggs "AYE", and Roemerma "AYE".

Mr. Watts asked if this item could be continued. Council Member Duffy moved to continue the petition at the request of the petitioner, seconded by Council Member Boggs. The votes on the continuance were: McGrath "NAY", Compton "NAY", Cahill "NAY", Duffy "NAY", Boggs "AYE", and Roemerma "AYE". The motion to continue failed.

Council Member Compton moved to approve as presented, seconded by Council Member Cahill. The votes were: McGrath "NAY", Compton "NAY", Cahill "NAY", Duffy "NAY", Boggs "AYE", and Roemerma "AYE". The motion failed.

Chairman Roemerma adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

*Minutes taken by City Clerk Dohack*