
SIGN ORDINANCE TASK FORCE MINTUES
August 20, 2009

VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT: Howard Brown, Co-Chairman
Mike Tilson, Co-Chairman
Nathan Davis
Ted Clem
Judy Bowles
Wendy Martin
Britt Knight
Lula Davis
Valerie Brown-Williams
Todd Deen
Nancy Brooks

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT: Gary Willis
Jay Kimbro
Bo Henry
Adrian Jenkins
Pamela Barkley
Jackie Dixon
Jim McCard
Mike McCard
Brooks Woodall
Lawrence Boyd
Lydia Crew
Jeanette Henderson
JC Taylor
Rico Smart

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Newton, Administrative Secretary, SR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 3: 07 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Brown introduced himself and stated that they were all there to review the Sign Ordinance and make recommendation to the City Commission concerning the issues that were brought up at the July 1, 2009 listening session.

REVIEW OF LEGAL OPTIONS

Mr. Brown reminded the group that the majority of the issues concerned temporary signage. He also reminded them that they should consider safety, aesthetics, and image of the City when they are making recommendations. The community comparison chart should also be considered.

Issue #1: display of signage on Public Right-of-Way – the SOTF accepted the staff’s recommendation of not allowing signage on public right-of-ways.

Issue #2: use of banners – SOTF recommended allowing banners up to six times a year, for 14 consecutive days, or 84 days within a rolling twelve month time period; one banner per property or business; no more than 32 square feet of banner if it is not attached to a building or permanent structure; up to 48 square feet allowed if attached properly to a building or permanent structure; banners must be maintained and in good condition;.

Issue #3: use of streamers – the recommendation for this issue was postponed until the next meeting to review the safety concerns of the streamers.

Issue #4: use of citizen appeal board – SOTF accepted staff's recommendation of not creating a citizen appeal board since the current ordinance already provides for appeals.

Issue #5: use of vehicle signs – SOTF recommended that vehicle signs are allowed if the vehicle(s) are parked in a legal parking space.

Issue #6: use of window signage – SOTF recommended 50% on window signage

Issue #7: use of warning notices – SOTF accepted staff's recommendation of a warning notice being issued to business tenant or property owner prior to the issuance of a citation to appear in court unless determined by the Code Officer to be an imminent hazard or safety issue.

Issue #8: the number of signs should be reconsidered – SOTF accepted staff's recommendation that the staff will address the number of signs issue to allow a total allowable square footage to be used in connection with number of signs.

Issue #9: real estate and directional signage on corners – SOTF accepted staff's recommendation of no change.

Issue #10: abandoned and dilapidated signage: SOTF accepted staff's recommendation of no change.

Mr. Henry asked if the businesses and/or companies' signs that were working on a building site would not be allowed to put up individual signs. Mr. Brown replied that they were allowed 32 square feet per property. Mr. Clem suggested that the issue be discussed at the next meeting since it was 5:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brown announced that the next meeting would be at the same place and time on Thursday, August 27, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 04 p.m.