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Board of Adjustment Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HELD ON THURSDAY, **May 22, 2014**, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRAYER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: James Crist; Clem Benton, Jr.; BJ Beavin; Bret McCain, Chairman

Absent: Bennie Clark; Joyce Calvert; William Nunn

Staff Present: Clarissa Davis, Planner
Rebecca Grohall, Planning Manager
Alicia Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Steve McCain, Assistant City Attorney

4. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Motion was made by James Crist, seconded by Clem Benton, Jr. to excuse Ms. Calvert, Mr. Clark and Mr. Nunn's absences.

AYE: James Crist, Clem Benton, Jr., BJ Beavin, Chairman Bret McCain
Passed

5. CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER(S)

Ms. Beavin was made an active member for the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 24, 2014 Meeting

Motion was made by Clem Benton, Jr., seconded by James Crist to approve minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting.

AYE: James Crist, Clem Benton, Jr., BJ Beavin, Chairman Bret McCain
Passed

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McCain mentioned when there are not five voting members present, the applicant has the option to either proceed or continue to a meeting at which five members of the board attend. Attorney Steve McCain stated that for the application to receive approval, there must be a concurring vote from all four Board members. The representative for the Variance stated she would like to move forward.

- a. Approval of a Variance to deviate from City Code Section 15-8(5)(a)3. to exceed the allowed sign area and utilize a sign with the calculated area of 156.5 square feet.

Ms. Davis gave an overview of the application. Ms. Pam DeDea, from The Seyer Group, representing McDonald's, commented.

Mr. Benton asked if the proposed sign is smaller than the existing sign. Ms. Davis responded that in sign area the proposed sign is smaller than the existing sign. Chairman McCain calculated a 27% reduction in the sign size. Mr. Crist asked how the sign would look like a lower case "l" if the variance was not granted. Ms. DeDea responded if a new 50 foot high sign was put in with a sign face of 57.25 square feet the sign would be so small it would not be visible. Ms. Beavin asked if the new sign is going to be in the same location. Ms. DeDea stated the new sign will be erected in the same position. Mr. Crist asked if the top of the arches will be at 50 feet. Ms. Davis stated the very top of the sign would be 50 feet.

Attorney Steve McCain asked if the subject property, where McDonald's is located, is within the I-95 and Turnpike special sign district and if the maximum height of the sign is 50 feet under the code section governing that district. Ms. Davis stated that is correct.

Motion was made by James Crist, seconded by Clem Benton, Jr. to approve the Variance to deviate from City Code Section 15-8(5)(a)3. to exceed the allowed sign area and utilize a sign with the calculated area of 156.5 square feet.

AYE: James Crist, Clem Benton, Jr., BJ Beavin, Chairman Bret McCain
Passed

8. DISCUSSION / OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT