

**CITY OF COVINGTON
Planning Commission Minutes**

May 19, 2016

City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Max called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chele Dimmett, Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Jim Langehough, Paul Max, Krista Bates, and Alex White

MEMBERS ABSENT – Bill Judd

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Bykonen, Associate Planner and Code Enforcement Officer
Richard Hart, Community Development Director
Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- **1. Commissioner Dimmett moved and Commissioner White seconded to approve the May 5, 2016 minutes and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion of Sign Code Revisions for Temporary Signs

Community Development Director, Richard Hart, introduced the draft temporary sign code regulations. Mr. Hart provided the background on the Reed Supreme Court Decision which has dramatically changed the landscape of temporary sign regulations. The new regulations will evaluate the number, location, size, duration and the type of sign. Mr. Hart reviewed the template outlining the types of signs allowed which have been categorized as residential uses and non-residential uses.

Commissioner Dimmett asked for clarification on the letter identification in the template. Associate Planner and Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Bykonen explained the the matrix in the table. Mr. Bykonen described a couple of sign types for clarification. Mr. Hart shared that staff is working to make the sign code easy to understand and easy to enforce. The Planning Commission went on to discuss how time limitations and number of signs are not proposed to be regulated; rather, the location, size and material of signs will be. Commissioner Dimmett asked for a clear definitions section in the final code.

Mr. Hart shared that we anticipate having more discussion with the Planning Commission and public outreach prior to having a Public Hearing. The proposed temporary sign regulations will go to City Council following the Planning Commission Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dimmett asked about legal non-conforming signs once the new sign code is adopted. Mr. Hart responded that we have not yet written in a provision for amortization to remove legal non-conforming signs.

ATTENDANCE VOTE

- **Commissioner Gilbert-Smith moved and Commissioner Dimmett seconded to excuse the absence of Chair Judd. Motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Mr. Hart shared that we anticipate reviewing the Critical Areas Ordinance and continuing discussion on the Temporary Sign Code Regulations at the next Planning Commission meeting on June 16, 2016.

The proposed Marijuana Zoning Regulations will be discussed at the City Council meeting on June 14, 2016.

ADJOURN

The May 19, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary