



CITY OF GARDINER

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ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday April 10, 2017 @ 3:00 PM

Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Chair Debby Willis Joel Alexander John Burgess
Louis Sigel Patricia Hart, City Councilor
CEO/Assistant Planner, Barbara Skelton

Members Absent:

Les Young Clare Marron

Also Present:

Dorothy Morang, Staff to Ordinance Review Committee
Mark Eyerman, Planner
Anne Davis, Acting City Manager

1.) Welcome

Chair Willis opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2.) Roll Call

3.) Consideration of meeting notes of March 27, 2017.

John Burgess moved to accept the minutes. Louis Sigel seconded the motion.
Vote: 5 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion passed.

Pat Hart arrived.

Old Business

4.) Continued review of amendments to the sign provisions

Mark went over the memo he prepared dated April 10, 2017. He came up with possible formats for the definitions of signs.

Mark continued the review of the proposed standards for signs in the remaining districts.

Downtown Fringe (DF) District

Members reviewed the criteria for the various types of signs in this district and determined that they were ok.

Cobbossee Corridor (CC) District

Members discussed allowing internally illuminated signs in this district. They agreed that internally illuminated should not be allowed in this zone.

Freestanding Signs – Residential Lots

Monument Signs, Ground-Mounted Signs or Hanging Signs changed from 1 per vehicle entrance to 1 per lot

Rural (R) District

Freestanding Signs – Residential Lots

Ground-Mounted Signs or Hanging Signs – changed from 1 per dwelling unit to 1 per lot

Maximum Size – change from 4 SF per dwelling unit to 4 SF cap

Educational Community Recreation (ECR) District

Members discussed exempting signs for this zone and municipal uses in all zones. From that, a discussion concerning a possible sign in the Libby Hill Business Park – in the Planned Industrial/Commercial (PIC) Zone was had. John, a member of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) said it was going to be a welcome to Gardiner sign and had to be big enough to be seen from the I-295 so people would know to turn at the next exit. He suggested that rather than this Committee dictating the standards, he would suggest working with the EDC to put together what they have in mind. CEO Skelton said we need standards and we need to make a decision soon. Chair Willis said we don't write a rule for 1 project. John said he would like to see this Committee and the EDC work together and to leave this open. CEO Skelton said we don't have rules today and we need something. Mark asked if the rules are intended for the schools. They asked

about electronic Message Boards. Pat said no internally lit signs. John said that they should be able to have one to use for any event that develops children. CEO Skelton said the electronic message boards have new technology. We could limit the hours and lumens. It was suggested that we could also create a separate category for government uses. Chair Willis noted that Jon Stonier, a former member had given the Committee a lot of information on the lighting technology today.

Building Signs – Residential Lots

Wall Signs or Projecting Signs changed from 1 per dwelling unit to 1 per lot.

Freestanding Signs – Residential Lots

Ground-mounted signs or Hanging Signs changed from 1 per dwelling unit to 1 per lot.

Resource Protection (RP) District

After discussion, member decided that this section is ok.

Mark said we still have a few other zones to do. He asked if the Shoreland (SL) District and the Shoreland Overlay Limited Residential (SOLR) District are zones or overlay zones. CEO Skelton said overlay – they follow the standards for the underlying district. Everyone agreed.

Mark went over the outline in the memo dated April 6, 2017. He moved things around and deleted some definitions that were not relevant.

Homework:

Mark noted that in the first May meeting, he will be here. He asked member to read through these with one eye on the current Ordinance and one eye on the new proposal and be ready to repeal and replace.

Upcoming Meetings:

April meetings: Monday, April 24, 2017 @ 3:00 pm w/CEO Skelton.

May meetings: Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 3:00 pm w/Mark Eyerman
Monday, May 22, 2017 @ 3:00 pm w/Mark Eyerman

5.) Adjourn

CEO, Barbara Skelton moved to adjourn. Joel Alexander seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm