

**Minutes of the Community Design Commission/ Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting
June 28, 2017 at 6:45p.m.
At Village Hall in Room 101**

Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien and Commissioner Mitchell Murdock

Absent: Commissioner C. Scott Smith

Also present: Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent; Craig Failor, Village Planner

Discussion regarding forestry issues/Forestry Supervisor Report

Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule delivered his report. He noted that he will be supervising the Environmental Services department on an interim basis. His report indicated Dutch Elm Disease has begun to show on a number of large trees across the village.

Community Design Commission Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. and roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien; Commissioners Susan Ebner, Teresa Heit-Murray (arrived at 7:16pm), Jonathan Kirk, Mitchell Murdock, Lloyd Natof, Nick Sinadinos, Aaron Stigger and Cindy Wong

Absent: Commissioners Juan Betancur, Adam Kallish, Richard Katz and C. Scott Smith

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner; Michael Bruce, Zoning Administrator; Dan Moroney, Trustee Liaison

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

None.

Forestry Superintendent Report Overview

Chair Chien gave an overview of the Forestry Superintendent report.

Minutes:

Chair Chien and Commissioner Murdock approved the minutes from March 22, 2017 of the Forestry Sub-committee.

Commissioner Stigger moved to approve the minutes from May 24, 2017. Commissioner Kallish seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted by a voice vote.

Public Hearing(s); Sitting as the Design Review Commission

Target: Cal. No. 06-17-DRC: 1129 Lake Street

CSD Kurtzein LLC, by its Agent, Andy Stein, Applicant, is requesting that a variation be granted from Section 7-7-15 (C) (1) of the Sign Code which requires that permanent window signage shall occupy no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the surface of each window area, to allow more than twenty-five (25%) window coverage for multiple window areas of Target's lease space.

Mr. Bruce said the Project Review Team was in support of the variance as the understanding was the signage would be temporary.

Mr. Stein confirmed the signage would be temporary and said it would provide security for the build out, promote job opportunities. He said it would also promote Target coming to Oak Park and the

apartments that are part of the development. He said the entire window space would be covered. Chair Chien asked when the signage would be removed. Mr. Stein said immediately after opening, scheduled for the end of October. Commissioner Natof said he did not have any issues with it as it was a limited amount of time. Chair Chien reviewed the standards required for a variance.

Commissioner Sinadinis moved to approve the variance as requested. Commissioner Stigger seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Sinadinis – yes
Stigger – yes
Wong – yes
Murdock – yes
Natof – yes
Ebner – yes
Heit-Murray – yes
Kirk – yes
Chien – yes
The motion was approved 9-0.

Mr. Bruce indicated there was a draft resolution for approval. Commissioners reviewed the resolution. Commissioner Natof moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Ebner seconded. A voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Wild Onion – Tied House: Cal. No. 08-17-DRC: 1111 South Boulevard

Michael J. Kainz, Applicant, on behalf of Wild Onion Tied House, is requesting that variations be granted from Section 7-7-15 (D) (4) of the Sign Code which requires that wall signs shall not cover architectural features, to permit the installation of a wall sign on the north elevation of the building that would cover architectural features, and from Section 7-7-15 (D) (5) of the Sign Code which requires that walls signs shall not be permitted to rise above the second-story window sill line, to permit the installation of the same wall sign above the second-story window sill line.

Mr. Bruce explained it was one sign that had two variances. Mr. Kainz said the challenges to the building were large windows and a set of apartments above the restaurant. He said they designed the logo as a sort of theater marquee and felt the placement would keep in spirit with the building. Commissioner Stigger asked about the hours the sign would be lit. Mr. Kainz said it would be on a timer and follow village ordinance. Commissioners discussed possible sign placement locations on the building. Commissioner Natof said he thought the sign stepped on the building too much and suggested changing the logo or using an awning or blade signs. Commissioner Sinadinis agreed and said the logo didn't seem to be designed in relation to the building; he suggested placing just the name in the space between the floors. Commissioner Heit-Murray suggested having the onion icon project as a sign.

Commissioner Kirk moved to approve the variance as submitted. Commissioner Stigger seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Kirk- no
Stigger – yes
Wong – no
Murdock – no
Sinadinis –no
Natof – no
Ebner- no
Heit-Murray – no
Chien – no

The motion was denied 1-8.

Yuppie Puppy Dog Grooming: Cal. No. 07-17-DRC: 1042 Chicago Avenue

Brent Showalter, Applicant and Owner of Subject Property, is requesting that a variation be granted from Section 7.7.15 (E) (7) (d) of the Sign Code which requires that under-canopy signs may not exceed two (2) square feet in size, to install a 12 square foot under-canopy sign advertising Yuppie Puppy Dog Grooming.

Mr. Bruce said the Project Review Team was in support of this request as the sign fit well with the building. Mr. Showalter said the building can be approached from multiple directions so they were looking for a sign that was visible from many angles. A short discussion ensued regarding the requirements in the code. Commissioner Stigger asked about night illumination. Mr. Showalter said they would illuminate it all night, like the rest of the businesses on the street.

Commissioner Sinadinos moved to approve the variance as submitted. Commissioner Stigger seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Sinadinos- yes

Stigger – yes

Wong – yes

Murdock – yes

Natof – yes

Ebner – yes

Heit-Murray – yes

Kirk – yes

Chien – yes

The motion was approved 9-0.

Mr. Bruce indicated there was a draft resolution. Commissioners reviewed the resolution. Commissioner Sinadinos moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Kirk seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

Cavalcade of Pride

Commissioners reviewed first round picks for the Cavalcade of Pride and assigned second round locations. Next month commissioners should return with final winners.

Reports

Mr. Failor introduced Trustee Dan Moroney as the new Trustee liaison. Trustee Moroney told commissioners he would be interested in pursuing design standards conversations with the commission.

Mr. Failor updated commissioners on the Chicago Avenue streetscape project, the new Maple Street and the Wayfinding Signage process.

A short discussion ensued regarding pictures of food on signage and LED lighting. Mr. Failor suggested revisiting these issues when the CDC updates the sign code.

Adjournment

Commissioner Heit-Murray moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Angela Schell,
Recording Secretary