

**WALKER PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 25, 2016**

**6:00 p.m. 701 Elm Avenue Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room**

- 1. Call to Order** 6:00 p.m. by Chair Wilkening.

**Roll Call-**

Members Present: Anne McMurrin, Rich Hansen, Gary Wilkening, Char Moore

Public: Jaymes Littlejohn

Staff: Terri Bjorklund, Pamela Smith

Absent: None.

- 2. Additions or deletions to agenda.**

None

- 3. Announcements by Chair.**

None.

- 4. M/S McMurrin/Hansen to recommend approval of Minutes for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Motion passed (4-0)

- 5. Planning/Zoning –Report for June 2016.**

Smith reviews the June ZA reporting, noting that last year the City had building permit applications for 4 new buildings in 2015 and no applications for such in 2016.

- 6. M/S McMurrin/Hansen to recommend to City Council to call for a public hearing to hear public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-05 (Monopole/Small Cell) with the recommended changes.**

Littlejohn reviews with the board the reasons for height vs. co-location. Chair Wilkening questioned Section 2 areas (i) and (j) seemed to contradict each other. The Board agrees to strike out (j) entirely. The Board discusses section (l) and requests that it add the language: *shall be of stealth design and*.in order to clarify that ground mounted components are enclosed or blend in.

i. Antenna hardware, cabling and antennas that are visible shall be painted the same color as the pole on which it is attached, or shall be painted a color approved by the Zoning Administrator in order to minimize visual impact, and all cabling must be enclosed within the pole (stealth) for all sites along city streets, public plazas, city parks, and other public gathering locations.

j. ~~Non-enclosed antennas can be placed on pole mounted installations in alleys.~~

l. Ground mounted components *shall be of stealth design and* shall not obstruct any traffic signage or signals and shall comply with all other federal and state statutes and local ordinances and regulations of the City such as electrical codes, minimum sidewalk standards, and visibility regulations.

Motion passed (4-0)

- 7. M/S Moore/McMurrin to recommend City Council to call for a public hearing to hear public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-09 (Temporary Signs/Banner/Off-premise).**

Motion failed (0-4)

- M/S Moore/McMurrin to recommend City Council to call for a public hearing to hear public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-09 (Temporary Signs/Banner/Off-premise) with the recommended changes.**

The Board discusses in length the verbiage in the Draft Ordinance that reads:

(b) *Banner signs, off-premise*. Permitted in all non-residential districts ~~for nonprofit events or fundraisers for a not for profit association.~~

The debate of not-for-profit and community events and how to decipher or distinguish between the two, also led to a brief discussion regarding banners hung in the park during festivals promoting different business. Bjorklund stated those have been treated as an exception to the ordinance that it has always been up to the entity that has been permitted to reserve the Park to hang banners or allow other business to do the same. The Board agreed to remove the language *for nonprofit events or fundraisers for a not for profit association*.

Motion passed (4-0)

- 8. Review and file the revised Temporary Sign Permit Application, noting that Banners/Off-premise signage sections are subject to change provided adoption of Ordinance 2019-09.**
- 9. M/S Hansen/Moore to recommend to City Council to call for a public hearing to hear public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2016-10 (Solar Energy Systems)**  
Motion passed (4-0)
- 10. Review and finalize Draft of Ordinance 2016-07 (Shooting Ranges); City Council called for a public hearing at the August 1, 2016 City Council meeting at 6:05.**
- 11. Review and finalize Draft of Ordinance 2016-08 (opting out Temporary Health Care Dwellings); City Council called for a public hearing at the August 1, 2016 City Council meeting at 6:10.**
- 12. M/S Hansen/Moore to recommend to City Council to call for a public hearing to hearing public comment on the adoption of the Comprehensive plan.**  
The Board briefly reviewed the Comprehensive Plan.  
Motion passed (4-0)
- 13. Chair Wilkening adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.**  
Motion passed (4-0)