

8. Review and filed the staff report on the proposed Walker Assisted Living PUD research questions.

Liefer stressed that he thinks this is a great idea and the only concern that he has is if there will be an issue with runoff.

Staff spoke briefly in regards to whether or not the concept plan was received. Smith stated that the last correspondence that she had with Mr. McElfresh was on November 13th, 2019 via email. She added that she sent him the meeting notes from October 28th, 2019 as well as the Staff report to clarify questions by the applicant.

9. M/S Ostlund/Liefer to recommend to enforce the current Temporary Sign Ordinance and to promote a webpage that has happenings and events within the City of Walker.

Wilkening reviews the previous discussion on offsite signage for two by two signs. Smith stated that she has several bullet pointed solutions for consideration on page 31. Smith explained that 40 days for life had several two by two signs and our current ordinance doesn't denote a limit of how many two by two signs can be placed on a parcel at a time; maybe they want to think about defining a limit. Smith adds that she believes that intention of having an off premise sign ordinance is so it wasn't cluttered. Liefer suggested doing a flyer of sorts so people have a better understanding of what is allowed and what isn't. Hansen brought up an idea that she discussed with Randy that involved having a packet to purchase for event signs. A for-profit would be \$5.00 a sign per week at 6 signs maximum for a maximum of 12 weeks. Non-profit could get a 12 event packet per year; 6 signs maximum. Carlson clarified they could have 72 signs per year; but only 6 per event and a limit of 12 events at \$120.00 for the year. Hansen noted that in the previous discussion she reminded the board that people were good about putting them up and taking them down the next day before noon. Hansen questioned the banner ordinance. Smith stated that for off premises banners a parcel can display it up to 10 times per year (noting that they recently increased that from 7 to 10), 7 consecutive days in a row. Wilkening questioned the Thrivent location; does it really matter how many times per year a banner is placed there? Carlson added that as long as there is only one at a time. Hansen stressed that with Walker being a destination town that there are not a lot of opportunities to post directional signage for the visitors coming to Walker for area events.

The Board talked at length about adding kiosks. Although the Board agrees that kiosks would be a great idea; funding the installation of kiosks as well as maintaining them would be an issue. Smith questioned if having a kiosks would change whether or not they would revise the temporary off site signage ordinance. Liefer noted it may lessen the need for off-site signage if they had kiosks.

Smith suggested that they have one sign per parcel for off-site. The Board stated that there would be no way to enforce that with the amount of sign requests that may come in. Ostlund suggested that they have one big banner that states something to the effect 'what's going on in Walker visit www.fillintheblank.com'. Hansen questioned who would maintain that site? The Board brings up the Chamber and the City working together on a website.

Ostlund and Wilkening questioned the packets that allowed for a certain number of signs would be hard to enforce and could potentially have an opposite effect and the town would be overrun by temporary signage.

Wilkening questioned what they thought about designating a couple spots in town; for example the entrance to the park and the corner at Hardees which is land owned by the City. And installing permanent signs that say what's going on in walker with the website address. The board also discussed having a QR code on pedestrian signs would be a great idea so people could use their smart phones to scan the code to direct them right to the sight. The Board also clarified that it would be for events happening within the City of Walker. The Board discussed different possibilities that included coordinating with the chamber of commerce in regards to the webpage.

Motion passed (5-0)

10. M/S Hansen/Ostlund to recommend to call for a public hearing on the recent property annexed into City Limits to hear public comment at the December 30th, 2019 Planning Commission meeting on the zoning designation of parcel formally known as 38-120-0002.

Wilkening reviewed with the Board the history of the parcel noting that it was just approved for the annexation and the board should make a recommendation as to what it should be zoned. The Board reviewed the parcel and agreed that Rural Residential makes the most sense for that area.

Motion passed (5-0)

11. Annexation Discussion

Wilkening requested the board review the Handbook for Minnesota Cities on change of Boundaries, Status and Name. They will take the next several months reviewing this at every meeting as to familiarize themselves with annexation statutory requirements, etc.

12. M/S Hansen/Liefer to recommend advertising for two open seats for City of Walker residents that will be expiring in 2020; if no qualified applicants are received the current members can sit up to, two consecutive terms. This is both their first term.

The Board clarifies that this is their first three year consecutive term.

Motion passed (5-0)

Brief discussion about the Von Hanson A-frame sign and the placement. Smith stated that she will call Von Hanson's and remind him of the Ordinance that controls A-frame signs.

13. Wilkening adjourns meeting at 7:10 p.m.