

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

March 11, 2019

Chad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Present: Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Christine Gollnick, Chuck Hartshorn, and Betty Blount. Absent: Emma Everett. Also present: Kym Blythe, Ben Wheeler, Chris Clabaugh, and Frank Oddou. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Chris, to approve the February minutes. Motion carried 5-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Chad brought up the conflict of having a City Council member being chairperson of the Planning Commission as per 2.1 of the By-Laws. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chad, nominating Christine for the position. After accepting the nomination, the motion carried 5-0.

Christine closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing to consider a proposed hanging sign at 108 S. Main Street for a new business, Lefties Pufforium, in the downtown Historic District. Frank Oddou spoke on behalf of the Pufforium. The proposed sign has green and black lettering on a white background. The signage information would also be printed in the windows along with a phone number. Size meets requirements. Chris closed the public hearing at 7:14 and reopened the regular meeting. Chad made a motion, seconded by Betty, to approve the hanging sign as presented and either one or two as shown for the two windows. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was recessed at 7:17 to visit the Happiest Camper business across the street with Chris Clabaugh. It has just opened. The Commission members were impressed with the remodeling of the site, and Chris shared the security provisions with us as well. Christine reopened the regular meeting at 7:47.

NEW BUSINESS: Concerning some status of MMFLA licensing and the situation with the Cook's application, they are running into the end of their one-year conditional permit. No license has been granted yet, no work has been done at the proposed site, and they needed to reapply for an extension 30 days prior to the expiration of the conditional permit. Without anything having been done, the conditional permit could be pulled.

Ben shared some drafted MMFLA/MRTMA ordinance documents as reviewed and presented by the City's attorney for our perusal. Some dates and a few spots that might need adjustments yet were noted. Ben will continue working with the attorney on these. Members are to continue looking through this prior to next month's meeting as well.

Our next scheduled regular meeting is set for April 8, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: No action was taken concerning Master Plan review at this time.

PERMITS: None issued.

OTHER: Chris Clabaugh brought up the issue of downtown buildings being used simply for storage. He wondered if anything could be done. The Commission has visited this issue before, but no action has been taken concerning it. Storage is not listed as a permitted use or as a special use in this district. Ben said he would look into the situations.

Betty made a motion, seconded by Chad, to adjourn at 8:40. Motion carried 5-0.