

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Plan Commission meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 12, 2021 was called to order by Chairman Doug Garmer at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following members were:

Present in City Hall: Commissioner Doug Garmer, Pete Ingold, Beth Kutterer-Sanchez, Amy Mistler, Tony Murphy, Lauren Nobbe, Andrea Yochum

Present Virtually: Hal Hoppe

Absent: Will Trowbridge

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present at City Hall: Scott Dunakey - Director of Community Development, Kelly Mathews, Deputy City Clerk and Connie Maness, Community Development Assistant.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Monday, March 8, 2021 Plan Commission Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Yochum and seconded by Commissioner Nobbe to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 8, 2021 Plan Commission Meeting as presented and on file at City Hall. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC INPUT – None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a) Request for a sign variance to Section 15.44.190.J of the Columbia Sign Code

to allow an electronic message center (EMC) on a monument sign in excess of 6 feet in height at 900 Admiral Weinel Blvd.

Chairman Garmer called upon Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey to present the staff report. Mr. Dunakey presented the staff report and discussed the analysis.

There was general discussion and comment from the Commission.

The following individual testified regarding the application:

Andy Hrdlicka, Summit Sign and Graphics, applicant

**MOTION:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Nobbe and seconded by Commissioner Hoppe that the Plan Commission, acting in its capacity as the Street Graphics Advisory Committee, finds that the applicant has met the Sign Code's standards of variance approval and recommends approval of the requested sign variance as submitted. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Doug Garmer – yes; Hal Hoppe – yes; Pete Ingold – yes; Beth Kutterer-Sanchez – yes; Amy Mistler – yes; Tony Murphy – yes; Lauren Nobbe – yes; Andrea Yochum – yes. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Review session for draft sign code update.

Chairman Garmer called upon Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey to present. Mr. Dunakey presented the draft sign code.

There was general discussion and comment from the Commission. There was consensus that the Sign Code should be moved out of the Building Code and into the Zoning Code. Mr. Dunakey asked that the Commission review the draft code and provide feedback to him prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Dunakey stated that he should have the final draft for review in the next 30-45 days.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None

9. **STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS** - None

10. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Garmer entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kutterer-Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Ingold to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Columbia Plan Commission held Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:37 P.M. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED