

Community Development Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2013
Preliminary Minutes

1.) The meeting of the Community Development Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ginny Moore at 5:32 p.m.

2.) Roll Call.

Members Present Jerry Brummel, Patsy Cody, Mike DeWild, Linda Groenendyk, Mike Kiser (5:40), Jody Lautenbach, Ginny Moore, Wayne Stienstra, Robyn Van Berkum, Dennis Vander Beek.

Members Absent: No members were absent.

Others Present: Jerry Byers, George Wesselhoft, David Buttler - (Casey's).

3.) Design Permit Application

Design Permit and Sign Permit Applications were submitted for Casey's General Stores at 744 Washington Street, 2421 Washington Street, and 414 S. Clark Street. The applications include replacing canopy fascia and trim, and painting canopy columns, fuel island bumpers and post in addition to new canopy signs and new wall sign for downtown location store.

David Buttler, Casey's representative, spoke to the Committee about changes to the canopies with fascia and trim and painting canopy columns and fuel island bumper post. He continued with their ideas for new signage at Westport and South Clark and signage to replace the Kum N Go signage at the downtown location.

Chairperson Ginny Moore asked about the size of the signs.

Mike DeWild asked if the drawing presented was a better representation of the correct colors.

Mr. Buttler said the sign would be painted metal with PVC lettering.

More discussion ensued about what projects were going to be done at each location.

Dennis Vander Beek asked about putting a yellow stripe around the canopy.

Mr. Buttler said he didn't know anything about that but could find out.

Mr. Vander Beek also asked about redoing the fake shingle affect used on the front of the Casey's at Main and Washington Street.

There was general discussion about the Main Street store and if Mr. Buttler would find out about re-doing the exterior of that building.

Mr. Buttler talked to the Committee about externally lighting the signs due to square footage limitations for the CC District locations.

Mike DeWild made a motion to accept the signs and design permits as submitted.

Patsy Cody seconded the motion.

Upon vote, motion passed 10 to 0.

4.) Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

5.) Annual Election of Officers

Before the elections took place, each member introduced themselves as all members were present. There was discussion about the need for one more member from in town as there is one vacant position on the committee.

Ginny Moore was nominated as Chairperson and Patsy Cody was nominated as Vice Chairperson by Mike DeWild and seconded by Jerry Brummel. .

Upon vote both nominations carried.

There were no changes to the Sign Sub Committee with Patsy Cody and Jerry Brummel as primaries and Robyn Van Berkum as the second.

There were no changes to the Design Sub-Committee with Dennis Vander Beek and Ginny Moore as primaries and Mike Kiser as the second.

6.) Other Business:

The Committee talked about Dutch Architecture awards and Patsy Cody commented that she did not feel the Committee should do any awards this year. Mike DeWild said that he felt the Strawtown paint job and the Central College Entryway signs were worthy of mention. Ms. Cody suggested that the Committee send them each a letter thanking them for their work

Jerry Byers, secretary to the committee, spoke about vacant business in and round town. Discussion ensued about empty business.

Mr. Byers spoke about the banner at Billy Jak's coming down with a new permit being submitted before Tulip Time.

George Wesselhoft, Director of Planning and Zoning, spoke to the Committee about status of the American Bargains sign and business.

Ms. Cody asked about the status of the City of Pella Community Entrance Sign.

Mr. Wesselhoft, commented that the budget for it would be going to City Council next week at work sessions. Mr. Wesselhoft continued by telling the Committee that RDG had been retained to work on design of the signs as well as vehicle directional signage and pedestrian signage.

Ms. Cody asked if he had seen the sign.

Mr. Wesselhoft went and got a copy of the sign designs and showed the Committee.

There was discussion about the sign designs.

Ms. Cody informed the new members of the Committee about the history of the process for a Community Entrance Sign.

More discussion ensued about the signs.

7.) Adjourn

Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Byers
Building Official