

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2006, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Curtis at 6:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curtis, Conley, Isham.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Atty R. Austin, T. Strasser, Deputy Planning Official, Tinnin, Cross,
M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Sidewalks
2. Sign Ordinance Review

PRESENTATION:

Sidewalks

Attorney Austin said he drafted a letter detailing sidewalks, he referenced Subdivision Control, the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review and Site Condominiums. He suggested the City generate a cohesive sidewalk policy and adding criteria to the Codified Ordinance. Attorney Austin said the Zoning Ordinance might need to be amended and asked for input.

Mr. Strasser said the Planning Commission has the authority to require sidewalks on interior streets and subdivisions. It is difficult having people comply with the sidewalk Ordinance until recently. He suggested rewriting the Ordinances.

Attorney Austin said he is not aware of any City Council acting as the body on a site plan review.

Mr. Strasser favored the idea of having Council and the Planning Commission review the final aspects. He said apartments are a site plan review issue and are a glorified driveway not an interior roadway.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, stated she would like to see sidewalks on the main roads and sidewalks are a sales point for developers.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Curtis informed Mr. Isham of previous discussion and asked Attorney Austin to reduce their findings to writing and the Board will review it.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Isham moved and Conley seconded the following:

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The Legislative Committee recommended that Attorney Austin draft a proposed Ordinance and submit to Mr. Curtis to be reviewed by the Board before submitting it to the Planning Commission or the Council. Motion carried 3-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

Sign Ordinance

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Donna Yon, 4310 Lila, introduced herself as a representative for the citizens and expressed concern for posters and advertisements being erected. She said it cheapens our community, businesses have too many flyers in their windows and lawns, and businesses putting up signs on poles should be penalized. Mrs. Yon inquired as to how many signs a business can acquire and what are laws regarding signs.

Attorney Austin said the DPW is taking down signs within the right-of-way and are in violation of the provisions of Section 5.28, subsection 1C of the Zoning Ordinance. He thinks additional sign provisions may be helpful and within the same location. He said he drafted a proposed amendment to Section 5.28 of the Zoning Ordinance.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Isham said signs are a nuisance and asked if the City has the ability to cite and back charge the businesses.

Attorney Austin discussed provisions including no flyers on poles, companies in violation would be contacted by the City and if not removed they would be guilty of a municipal civil infraction.

Mr. Strasser suggested that sub-paragraph N., paragraph #1 should read no ground mounted or freestanding sign above the established street grade shall be permitted and referenced the distance in paragraph #3.

Mr. Curtis suggested reducing the changes to writing and submitting to the Planning Commission.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Isham moved and Conley seconded the following motion:

The Legislative Committee recommended that Ordinance 19 go to the Planning Commission to add or delete language changes and return to the Legislative Committee for a final draft. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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