



MINUTES

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 7:00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068

A. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Hudson, Zollars, Bowman, Hicks, Carr, Cullinan
ABSENT: Sampson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Design Review Board – Regular – October 6, 2016

Minutes stand approved.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda stands approved.

4. SWEARING IN OF SPEAKERS

Chairman Zollars: All those who will be speaking tonight, if you have not done so already, please sign in. Those that are speaking, please stand and raise your right hand. Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you give in front of the Board will be truthful? If so, answer "I do." (*Audible I do's.*) Thank you.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **6505 E. Livingston Ave.; Application #174364; Applicant: Jimmy Craig; Signage**

Mr. Snowden: 6505 E. Livingston Ave. - Blacklick Plaza - Signage. Application: #174364 - Certificate of Appropriateness. We had a hard time getting a hold of this applicant. We have the original rendering where the applicant was submitting some confusing information. They are saying the following for those two tenant panel, that the tenant panels are not illuminated, which I am fine with. I was just confused by the conflicting information. And, the material where they are showing what almost looks like a chain link fence in the one rendering, they are actually using a drilled enamel black metal material. That is what they are proposing. I keep all of that in the file and then just resubmit for the zoning sign permit. I am comfortable, given the situation. It is just a case of the applicants not providing information, and it is hard to make decisions. With that, I recommend supporting the application.

Chairman Zollars: This is more than housekeeping, so we do need a motion and a second?

Mr. Snowden: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We have not approved it and if we don't approve it tonight, then the application just expires and is denied. I am recommending approval given that we actually have the information now.

Chairman Zollars: Anyone care to make a motion? Any discussion?

(Vote)

Mr. Snowden: Very well, I will contact the applicant and let them know their signage is approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steven Hicks, Board Member
SECONDER:	Richard Hudson
AYES:	Hudson, Zollars, Bowman, Hicks, Carr, Cullinan
ABSENT:	Sampson

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **8095 E. Broad St.; Application #174978; Applicant: Litech Lighting; Business: Petsmart; Signage**

Mr. Snowden: 8095 E. Broad Street - Petsmart - Signage. Application: #174978 - Certificate of Appropriateness. The property is located on south side of E. Broad Street, east of Waggoner Road. Existing Zoning: CS - Community Services District. The request is for a certificate of appropriateness for new signage. Current Use: Retail Sales/Animal Clinic/Kennel. Applicant: Litech Lighting/Keith Cobb . The applicant is requesting the Board review and approve a certificate of appropriateness for a new wall mounted sign on the front facade of a commercial building. The site is developed with an existing multi-tenant commercial building and related improvements. The other tenant spaces include retail sales uses. To the north, the property abuts other commercial businesses across Broad Street in the City of Columbus. To the south, the property is adjacent to an agricultural use in Jefferson Township. I think we are all familiar with this. We have done so much signage and review of this site that I feel we know it as well as the architect does. In this case, this is a wall sign assembly with an area of 185SF. Per the Code, the applicant is entitled to 196SF of sign area. The 5IN sign projection from the facade for the main portion of the sign does not exceed the 12IN allowed by the Zoning Code. The applicant should clarify the project of the smaller halo lit portions of the sign, and what the projection is from the facade. The proposed sign consists of two colors and the channel letters will be mounted directly to the building's facade. The sign is consistent with the scale of the building's facade and with the size and style signage approved for the other tenant spaces in the same shopping center. The Board should apply the standards for design review and determine if the proposed signage and exterior modifications enhance the characteristics of this commercial district. Staff's recommendation is it that the Board approve the application for a certificate of

appropriateness as submitted. With that, I will turn things back over to our chairman. They are all individual channel letters, and that is what we are looking for.

Chairman Zollars: Anything you would like to add?

Mr. Francis: John Francis, Johnny Appleseed Ct. To answer your question, it is an inch and a half stand off away from the wall. Painted pvc, the same color as the letters, to help the LED's shine out from behind the building since it will be an aluminum structure and there will not be any plastic on the face. The faces will actually wrap around and screw to the sides.

Mr. Snowden: So you are looking at 5 and a 1/2, and the Code allows 12. Most of them have been between 3 and 5, and I think that is pretty reasonable.

Chairman Zollars: Any questions from the Board?

(Vote)

Mr. Snowden: Very well, on page 5 of the Staff Report, and I will provide you this information in writing, that is where you will find the remaining steps. You will need to secure a Zoning Sign Permit for the wall signage, which is basically the items, and submit to our Building Division, their requirements for the Sign Permit.

Chairman Zollars: Thank you very much.

Mr. Francis: Thank you guys.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tyler Cullinan
SECONDER:	Richard Carr
AYES:	Hudson, Zollars, Bowman, Hicks, Carr, Cullinan
ABSENT:	Sampson

2. 6960 E. Main St.; Application #175335; Applicant: the Daimler Group, on Behalf of OhioHealth; Major Site Plan

Mr. Snowden: 6960 E. Main Street - OhioHealth Stand-alone Emergency Medical Facility is a proposed new building and is a Major Site Plan. Application: #175335 - Certificate of Appropriateness. The property is located on the northeast corner of E. Main Street and Briarcliff Road. Existing Zoning: CC Community Commerce/CCO Community Commercial Overlay. The request is for a review of a major site plan in order to construct a new building and related improvements. Current Use: Eating or Drinking Establishment (Vacant). Applicant: The Daimler Group/OhioHealth. The applicant is requesting the Board review and approve a certificate of appropriateness in order to construct a new stand-alone emergency medical facility and related improvements on an existing commercial lot. The .77 acre site consists of an existing fast-food restaurant prototype building with drive-thru and related improvements. The out-lot is part of a larger 14.84 acre commercial shopping center, commonly known as the Reynoldsburg Center, with various commercial business uses. To the north the property abuts single family homes in the R-3 district. To the east, west, and south, the property is adjacent to other commercial uses in the CC and CO zoning districts. All parcels that front E. Main Street are within the Community Commercial Overlay. The applicant has already been granted variances from several sections of Chapter

1196 by the BZBA. The variances allow the building to be setback from Briarcliff Road and exceed the side parking lot requirements of the overlay district. The Community Commercial Overlay was written with the intent, and I know many of you were involved with that, to preserve the character of E. Main St., and in some cases move building toward the street, have good site design, and start integrating pedestrian amenities, and so forth, in an area that is more dense and less suburban, all the time. So the applicant met with Staff, and worked with Staff to get the building pushed up to the street here. In order to accommodate their entry/exit, they needed a variance from the Briarcliff Road build to line. They also reduced their parking by about six spaces. When you have a place that has over 300 spaces and they had done the research, Staff's concerns are minimal. The proposed landscaping for the parking lot islands meets the minimum requirements of Section 1180.11, except that additional screening of the parking lot area is required on the Briarcliff Road frontage of the lot, and that was a condition of the Planning Commission approval. They provided Pedestrian Circulation by having the walkway directly from the public street, towards the main canopy. They have a stormwater plan. Staff reviewed the landscaping and found that based on the requirements for interior lot landscaping that they are exceeding the Code .5IN caliper. Staff reviewed the Lighting Plan and found that along the southern, eastern, and western edges of the property, it does not exceed 0.5 foot candles. This is consistent with the lighting standards contained in Chapter 1182, which has been enacted to deal with exterior lighting. And lastly, Building Architecture. So, the applicant applied to BZBA in order to get a variance. But overall, the applicant is meeting the minimum requirements as you can see on the building elevation. They have provided a building facade that has four sided architecture. It has some rhythm with the window framing, that is taken around the entire structure. It meets the minimum requirements for 40% natural materials with 2 types of brick. It does not have a lot of the materials that we don't like to see, concrete block, corrugated metal, excessive amounts of stucco, excessive amounts of efface. The applicant requested a variance from a requirement of the Community Commercial Overlay to allow them to have windows that did not meet the clear tint requirement of that code. That code was set up with the intent, given that most of our development on E. Main Street is retail, and many retail developments do have clear entry glass at the front of their store. In a medical setting, that really is not desirable. Even though they are not meeting that requirement, and BZBA gave them a variance, they are still providing a good amount of glass in addition to the natural materials on the building. With that, I recommend that the Board apply the standards for Design Review and determine if the proposed Site Plan enhances the characteristics of the Community Commercial Overlay. Staff's recommendation is that the Board approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness on the following condition: That the applicant submit to Staff, in conjunction with an application for a zoning certificate, a revised landscape plan meeting the requirements of Section 1180.09 for screening along the parking lot that fronts Briarcliff Road. With that, I will turn things back over to our Chairman. I will be happy to take any questions.

Chairman Zollars: Thank you very much Mr. Snowden. Any questions from the Board?

Mr. Hicks: Mr. Chairman, I just had a couple of questions. I am assuming that there is a cross access easement and parking for this too, that we are assuming that any overflow parking is going to be in the center.

Mr. Snowden: Mr. Hicks, I am going to have the applicant answer that question more in depth, but here is the situation as of right now, currently the lot has not been split. This is actually a ground lease. It is my understanding that the property owner intends to maintain the property as part of the larger development there. However, they are sectioning it off into a separate lot, probably for financing purposes, and that is pretty typical in this situation. The answer to your question is, I don't think they are going to have a formal Cross Access Agreement, but I will rely on them. My point in stating that was that 1., they did receive the variance. So, from a legal code compliance standpoint, they can be at 28 spaces, which is what they are at. Secondly, the way that these large developments like this tend to work is, folks park where it is convenient. When we have these huge acres of parking, I encourage all of our Boards to be flexible because we want to make sure there is adequate parking, but anytime we are requiring parking, we are adding a cost to the developer or the property owner, that they have to maintain. And, we are reducing the area where they are able to do other things. I for one do not want to live in a city that is only parking. So, I always try to encourage flexibility when you are dealing with these shopping centers, and you just have oodles and oodles of parking. Every once in a while we get into a situation where we have a real parking crunch on a property, but many times with the out lots there is so much parking around that it just seems silly to be hung up on it. With the permission of the Chairman and our Board, I would like to ask the applicant to come up.

Mr. Tumblin: Chris Tumblin with the Daimler Group, Lake Shore Drive, Columbus. To address that question specifically, it is a lower requirement than what is required by code. But, Ohiohealth has a lot of facilities around town and they have a good idea what they expect from a volume standpoint. They have also studied similar product types like this emergency room use in other area of the country, and it is there anticipation that they will have a max of 6 full time employees, at any given time. In addition, they do not expect more than 6 patients at any given time at that facility. So, that will count for 12 spaces and there are 28, so we think there is more than enough spaces in the current layout.

Mr. Hicks: I am not trying to be critical. I just want to make sure it is something that is covered. You guys are doing a land lease? I am assuming it would be something you would write into the lease. The way your site plan is, if you came in one entrance, you would have to cross over a line to get into the main Kroger parking lot to get over. So, I just want to make sure it is something that is addressed and that we are not approving something that has an issue. I am sure there is probably already a cross access agreement in place from years ago. I just want to make sure it is something that is covered.

Mr. Tumblin: It will be. You come in on the north side of the site and you have to access it from the drive that is part of the shopping center.

Chairman Zollars: Anything else from the Board or Applicant?

Mr. Tumblin: I just want to say than you very much to the Board for hearing our case this evening. I am with the Daimler Group and we are serve as he rep for OhioHealth and they are real excited about this opportunity to be in Reynoldsburg and to bring this new use to your town.

Chairman Zollars: Thank you.

(Vote)

Mr. Snowden: Mr. Tumblin, if you look beginning on page 8, and on page 9 is what remains in your process, and I will provide that to you in writing. You are going to be going for a Zoning Certificate and any signage that you need. You will be going for a Plot Grade Utility to our Building Division, and Building Permits also. You know where to find us, and I know you are familiar with the process at this point.

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MOVER:	Steven Hicks, Board Member
SECONDER:	Richard Carr
AYES:	Hudson, Zollars, Bowman, Hicks, Carr, Cullinan
ABSENT:	Sampson

E. OTHER BUSINESS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman



Planning Administrator