

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
LONG GROVE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Appointment of Chairman *pro tem*. Commissioner Howard nominated Commissioner Calas as Chairman pro tem for purposes of this Architectural Commission meeting; seconded by Commissioner Closson. On a voice vote, all ayes; no nays.

Call to Order: Chairman Pro-tem Calas, called the regular meeting of the Long Grove Architectural Commission (AC) to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following members present;

Members Present: Marietta Calas, Chairman Pro-tem , Mark Howard, Eric Closson and Helen Makaritis.

Also Present: Village Planner James Hogue and members of the public.

Absent: Commissioners Lynn Michaelson-Cohn, Eric Styer & George Tapas.

1. Approval of the April 21, 2014 Draft Meeting Minutes.

Typographical errors were noted in the draft minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Closson, seconded by Commissioner Makaritis to accept the draft minutes as corrected. On a voice vote; all aye.

2. Consideration of a request for signage for “Broken Earth Winery” 219-239 Robert Parker Coffin Road and within the B-1 Historic District, submitted by Mr. Ken Siwieck, New Midwest Capital.

Planner Hogue indicated that based upon the items submitted the petitioner is requesting one single (1) wall sign, to be affixed to the front (Robert Parker Coffin Road) side of the building and would measure 70” x 40” (approximately 19 square feet). The sign will be constructed of painted wooden lettering mounted to a wooden backdrop affixed to the wall. A a yellow/ tan background and brown lettering (earth tones) is the proposed color scheme. No request for illumination was included with the signage application however existing illumination may be in place and utilized by the petitioner for sign illumination.

Square footage of the commercial space for which the signage is being requested is approximately 2320 square feet. For retail spaces containing 1,001 to 3000 sq. ft. of floor area 20 square feet of signage may be allowed per the adopted Village Zoning Code . If the building and all signage are located at least 50’ from the edge of the pavement 26 square feet of signage would be permissible.

Mr. Ken Siwick further explained the request noting the material samples he had brought and colors proposed for the sign. Letters would be painted (brown) and mounted on a wooden base painted yellow. He noted no additional lighting for the sign was requested as existing lights within the building would illuminate the sign.

The AC had no objections to the sign as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Makaritis, seconded by Commissioner Closson to approve the request as submitted. On a voice vote; all aye.

3. Consideration of a request for hardscape improvements (bike racks) within the B-1 Historic District submitted by Lori Lyman on behalf of the Long Grove Business and Community Partners.

Planner Hogue explained the request noting that such fixtures were contemplated in the downtown design guidelines. As submitted the LGBCP proposes to install bike racks in two locations within the B-1 Historic District. One location would be near the covered bridge, the other near the Archer Parking Lot .

He also suggested that any motion for approval include a provision allowing future requests of an identical fixture be allowed, without further AC review, subject to staff review and approval. Alternative fixture styles would require additional AC review and approval however.

The AC recognized that the Design Committee of the LGBCP had approved the fixtures as proposed. Some on the AC felt the fixture as proposed was a bit modern for the downtown but would be acceptable in black as opposed to chrome. Others on the AC felt the fixture was fine as proposed and had an appealing clean look which would fit in well in the downtown.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Makaritis, to recommend approval of the fixture as submitted in “black” with the suggestion that a more “vintage” fixture be considered. On a voice vote; all aye.

4. Consideration of a request for landscape lighting at 6211 Pine Cone Court and within the R-2 PUD submitted by Apple Landscaping on behalf of Gabe & Vicki Lorenzo .

Planner Hogue reported that thirty five (35) low voltage lights are proposed to be placed on the property in and around the landscaping of an existing patio area. This area is proposed to be upgraded and is situated on the west side of the residence. As proposed this is a LED illumination system. Eleven (11) path lights will be mounted in and around the patio area. These will contain a 3 watt LED light source on a 12’ light stem (Alstem 12) with a Model AL100 area light hat. Twenty-three (23) wall/step lights (5 watt output) are also proposed to be installed throughout the patio area. One (1) spot light will be utilized to uplight landscaping (tree) in the patio area (model & specs not listed). He noted most of the lighting will be within the steps and walls of the patio area and illuminate the internal patio area as “navigational lighting”. Leakage of light off site should not be an issue due to this as well as the existing landscaping on the west side of the property.

Mr. Keith Appelhaus, Apple Landscaping, noted the request is more or less identical to the request heard by the AC last month and is located directly across the street from this request. He noted vegetation of the west property line which would serve to contain the lighting on the petitioners property.

The AC noted the lighting scheme was reasonably planned and should not have an adverse effect on the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Commissioner Closson, seconded by Commissioner Makaritis, to approve the landscape lighting as submitted for property at 6211 Pine Cone Court, including the use of 2700K LED lighting. On a voice vote; all aye.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

Adjournment: Commissioner Howard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Closson. On a voice vote; all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hogue
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