



Zoning & Planning Commission
Work Session
February 22, 2016

Call to Order:

Chair Dennis Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Chair Dennis Gordon, Mayor Carol Carter, Rick Stallard, Kieran O'Rourke and Pete Fontana

Chair Gordon explained this meeting was to discuss sign ordinances due to feather signs being used in the downtown area. Chair Gordon explained the zoning code is eight to ten years old and may be ready for updating. Chair Gordon complimented the downtown businesses for their hard work and success with the growth in the downtown area.

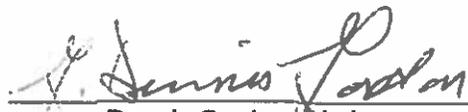
Sandy Haines owner of Barber of Seville talked about growing her business and wanted to use the sign to attract people to the business. Mrs. Haines said she didn't realize it was against the codes because she had seen a feather sign used for another business. Mrs. Haines said the sign was working and people were realizing she is a full time business. This is a challenge due to the previous owner operating on a part time basis.

Velvet Eby, Velvet's Framing, and Jane Webb, Seville Flower & Gift, shared the history of downtown revitalization and the Downtown Business Association. The discussion led to the uniqueness of the downtown area and challenges with not being on a highway to attract new customers. Concerns were expressed about keeping the historical look.

There was a discussion about the responsibilities on the business owner to do due diligence and be aware of the Zoning Codes. Mrs. Webb suggested the Downtown Business Association could put information in their welcome packet.

The discussion ended with a desire to talk with more business owners and the need to be mindful of the perception, size, and content of signs away from buildings. There is a responsibility to keep the right of way open and sidewalks safe.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Stallard and seconded by Mayor Carol Carter. All were in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Dennis Gordon, Chairman
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