MINUTES
DES PERES PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
July 13th, 2016
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Rd on Wednesday, July 13th, 2016. Chairman Oeltjen called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Staff support took roll with the following Commissioners present: Chairman John Oeltjen, Vice Chair Anna Ahrens, Terrie Gwin, Jim Kennedy, Mark Ahrens, Tony Pawloski, Mitch Stevens, William Mura and Jane Langa. Also present were Alderman Pound, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and Director of Public Works Steve Meyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Oeltjen stated that on page 5 line 17, "rather" should be "whether".

Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve the June 8th, 2016 Minutes as presented with corrections. Commissioner Langa seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the Minutes were approved.

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Oeltjen added Committee Reports as VI.B under Status Updates. Chairman Oeltjen requested that Committee Reports be added to Status Updates on all future agendas.

OLD BUSINESS

Petition for Conditional Use Permit & Site Plan Review – The Village Bar

Petitioner: Mark Disper, The Village Bar LLC

Mr. Disper updated the Commission on the changes that have been made since the last meeting. Mr. Disper stated that the only change not captured on the current submittal was the addition of the stone base around the ground sign.

Chairman Oeltjen stated that he was concerned with the lack of a fence and the leniency they were granting in regards to the landscape buffer.

Vice Chairman Anna Ahrens stated that the subcommittee met on July 7th and recommended approval of the site plan.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan for The Village Bar, Commissioner Anna Ahrens seconded the motion.

A voice vote was as follows: Oeltjen, aye; A.Ahrens, aye; Gwin, aye; Kennedy, aye; M.Ahrens, aye; Pawloski, aye; Stevens; aye; Langa; aye; Mura, aye; Alderman Pound, abstain. 9 aye; 1 abstain.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Mark Ahrens made a motion for Commissioner John Oeltjen to retain his position as Chairman, and Commissioner Anna Ahrens to retain her position as Vice Chairman for the next calendar year. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion.

A voice vote was as follows: Oeltjen, aye; A.Ahrens, aye; Gwin, aye; Kennedy, aye; M.Ahrens, aye; Pawloski, aye; Stevens; aye; Langa; aye; Mura, aye; Alderman Pound, abstain.

STATUS REPORT

Alderman Pound stated that the Board recently approved the transfer of the Conditional Use Permit from Zydeco Blues to Circa St. Louis.

Commissioner Gwin asked if there was an update on the Reliance Bank / Starbucks case. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the court has made a ruling in favor of Reliance Bank. Commissioner Mura asked if it was possible to settle out of court. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the City is open to negotiations.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Vice Chairman Anna Ahrens stated that the committee met on July 7th to review the applications for site plan review, conditional use permit as well as to review the signs for the Village Bar.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the Motion. Motion was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7.45 pm.

John Oeltjen

John Oeltjen, Planning & Zoning Chairman