

**HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION AND
COMMON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MEETING**

November 20, 2023

3:00 P.M.

329 MAIN STREET

REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF:

Brent Clemons
Daniel Morris
Jackey Jones
John Spainhoward

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Longton
Wanda Smith
Gary Shephard
Kirk Zeaman
Bert Singletary
Doug Jones
James Bagby
Marcia Williams
John Gannon
David Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Williams, Building and Codes

Mrs. Longton called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

Mrs. Longton stated there was a quorum present.

Mr. Gannon made the motion to approve minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting seconded by Mrs. Smith. All others were in favor and minutes were approved.

CASE NUMBER: MSCD-41-2023

Application of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Agent: Jonathan Clark

Reason for request: Request is for installation of a masonry monument sign with a programmable digital LED screen. This site signage will require a variance from the adopted guidelines.

Location of request: 1901 Madison Street further identified as County Tax Map 080C Parcel 001.00

MSCD-41-2023 Staff Comments

- Animated, flashing, chasing, running or sequential signs are not permitted.
- Light emitting diode (LED) signs are prohibited.
- Monument signs shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet in area, excluding the support structure. This proposal is 41.25 square feet excluding the support structure.
- Monument signs may not be more than five (5) feet in height. This proposal is 8'4" above the finished grade.

Mr. Clemons stated the staff recommends disapproval.

There was much discussion of static signs, how it is written in ordinance, appearance of signs, and LED prohibited.

Public hearing was held.

John Clark spoke in favor of the case.

Julie Runyon spoke in favor of the case.

Chris Williams spoke in opposition of the case.

Dave Hartnett spoke in observation of the case.

Public hearing was closed.

There was discussion of motion and how it should be worded.

At Mr. Gannon's request Mr. Spainhoward as advisor and for reiteration and clarity spoke the motion (Mr. Gannon) wants to postpone the consideration of this specific application (Catholic Church) until the March meeting, Mr. Gannon stated correct. Mr. Spainhoward stated in doing so it would also like the Planning Commission to consider a proposal to send to City Council to review LED signage as it specifically relates to schools, digital and LED signs, will further clarify based on the technology change, for schools and churches, but with the understanding of this board that's what the statement is. To further define what static is, but will be left to enforce what the City Council leaves as the final decision. Mr. Gannon stated once a day sign change as

static. Mr. Spainhoward stated it would be brought forth with what the board's intent is. Mr. Shephard seconded. Mrs. Williams voted nay and others were in favor. Motion for postponement passed.

Mr. Clemons presented case Z-64-2023 to board for any comments to be brought to the Regional Planning Commission. No comments were made.

Public comment period was opened.

No speakers for public comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Gail Longton
Attest:

