

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2007

PRESIDING: President Lauri Olson

PRESENT: Trustees Dennis Bardy, Charlotte Hollenbach, Bruce Hunter, David Kielpinski, Peter Koenig

ABSENT: Trustee Cindy Walleck

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Tim Savage

The special meeting is held for the purpose of reviewing and acting on two sign applications

President Olson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive.

ROLL CALL: Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski, and Olson were present. Koenig arrived during the first presentation. Walleck was absent from the meeting.

-Access gas station sign. Attorney Donald Stinespring, representing the owner of the property, Mac Patel, pointed out the proposed location of the signs and reminded the Board that the recorded special use zoning ordinance for this property does allow two ground signs. The sign originally planned for the northern end of the property will be moved to the southern end, for better visibility. A pole (monolith) sign is proposed for the entrance across from May Avenue. President Olson pointed out that the proposed pole sign, at 26 feet, does not meet the Village specifications and Mr. Patel stated that he would give this up in favor of a larger ground (monument) sign in its place. Discussion ensued. Mr. Patel stated that the monument signs will be approximately 2-3 feet above ground and he would like the south sign to be 6ft X 7ft and the one across from May Ave, replacing the monolith sign would be 8x12. Patel stated that if the signs are LED rather than moveable copy, there would be three colors involved for the regular, diesel and E85, the alternate is all in yellow – normal light bulb type of light. None of the signs will have obtrusive red LED copy. The standard Shell logo will be used per their specifications. The canopy signs and wall signs for the car wash and retail building were also reviewed. Wall canopy was approved per the attached diagram, as were the car wash and food and liquor wall sign which will go on the east side of the building. Tenant signage for the retail building was also discussed and Patel agreed that all additional signs will be brought before the board for approval. There was some discussion on requiring them all to be the same style and color but this was not required. Patel also confirmed that all Village parking requirements will be met for the additional retail businesses.

Kielpinski moved to approve the two monument signs as presented, the wall signs for food and liquor on the retail business building and the soft touch car wash, and canopy signs as presented, and to grant whatever variances are needed for these signs. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Koenig voting yes. Walleck was absent.

-NAPA sign. Mr. Matt Stried of JNB Signs, presented the proposal for a pole sign and a wall/roof sign for the NAPA building located at 10915 Main Street. The Village code has been recently changed to disallow roof signs. Discussion ensued on whether the proposed sign is a roof or parapet

sign. Stried pointed out the unique setting of the building along the highway which does not give a lot of visibility for a wall sign. He stated that certified engineering drawings and sign off will be presented to the Village prior to any construction. Samples of the mesh backer panel were provided and this will be mounted outside the gutter to allow for drainage. It is proposed to be installed only along the south half of the building. The building is 100 feet and the proposed sign is 45 feet, installed above the retail portion of the building. Trustees suggested having the blue backer, installed across the entire frontage of the building for continuity. Because of the difference in face elevations on the building Stried did not know how an extended sign could be installed without a gap showing. Stried will check with NAPA to see if they agree but felt that NAPA had more of a comfort level with the shorter sign from a safety and economic factor. Text varies from 17 – 20 inches (code allows 12 inches). The blue and yellow color is standard for NAPA.

Koenig moved to approve the wall/roof/parapet sign per the drawings presented with a strong encouragement to the owners to extend the fascia/backing across the entire width of the building (blue backing only, no pipe line or letters) without having to come back for further variances provided they decide to do so within six months. He further moved to grant whatever variances are required for this sign. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Koenig voting yes. Walleck was absent.

Next the NAPA pole sign was reviewed. The sign will have no moving parts or flashing lights and is internally illuminated. Setback is within specs but the 13 ft height and the size of the type is over village code. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the 12 foot height, with a seven foot clearance will not be a hazard for pedestrians or vehicles given its location. Kielpinski moved to approve the pole sign and grant variation for the size of the letters. Height to be per village code which is 12 feet. Seconded by Hunter and passed with Bardy, Hollenbach, Hunter, Kielpinski and Koenig voting yes. Walleck was absent.

There was no further business. Hunter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kielpinski and passed by unanimous voice vote. 5:30 p.m.

Kathleen Hellmann, Village Clerk