

**Village of Richmond
Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 18, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Trustees: Ram Wardanian, David Kielpinski, and Scott Drabant.

Others Present:

Mario Crim

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept the 11/4/14 minutes of the Community Development Committee was made by Trustee Kielpinski and seconded by trustee Wardanian Minutes accepted the minutes by voice vote. Trustee Drabant abstained.

Old Business:

Sign Ordinance:

Trustee Wardanian presented a revised table of wall sign regulations, expanding the allowable size for each category. He also noted that per the ordinances, all signs must be approved by the CDC. If the CDC denies approval, it can be taken to the full Board for a vote.

Trustee Kielpinski commented on sections 6.8.7 and 6.8.9, which deal with neon signs and wished to strike this section. Trustee Drabant stated he would research other villages to see how they addressed neon signs in the historic districts. Trustee Kielpinski also questions section 6.8.12, the removal of signs and what latitude the Village has in these matters. This will also be researched to compare to other villages approach to this matter.

Economic Development:

Trustee Wardanian discussed the packet prepared by Joyce McArdle and will be requesting a non-PDF file so changes and/or amendment can be made locally. Trustee Wardanian gave an update on the old Andre restaurant property which recently had a price reduction. Trustee Wardanian will discuss this with Joyce McArdle.

New Business:

Community Development:

The committee discussed the use of Memorial Hall and how it may be better used to serve the community. Trustee Wardanian suggested having a bingo night with half the proceeds going to a memorial hall fund for repairs and up keep and half of the proceeds going to the food pantry. Trustee Wardanian will investigate what is involved in hosting a bingo night.

Annexation:

The committee decided to defer this topic to the Ad hoc Long Term Planning Committee which has already addressed this issue

Public Comments:

Mario Crim suggested several events for the CDC and Village to consider. The first events being, the hosting an October Fest in fall. This was suggested by the new owners of Kid's Corner. Secondly was re-purposing. This is the art of taking older pieces (furniture, windows ,etc.) and making it a new piece of art. He stated this is becoming very popular with the 18-35 year old group. Mario will check for contacts to help host said event and will report back to the committee.

Sign review:

The committee reviewed a request from the International House of Wine & Cheese for a non-exempt temporary sign that has been erected for an extended amount of time and the sign exceed the size limitations. The committee approved the request which will allow the sign to remain for no more than 90 days/year and can exceed (minimally) the size requirements.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss Trustee Kielpinski moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to adjourn at 6:00 pm. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Drabant, Trustee