

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

Call to Order

Chairman McGrogan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on May 8, 2018. In attendance were Chairman McGrogan, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso and Alderman Kramarski. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger, Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore and residents.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

Business License Report

Chairman McGrogan referred to the business license report in the agenda packet. He reported \$72,038.75 was invoiced, \$70,464.25 was paid, and \$1,574.50 was owed for Business Licenses, Health Inspections, Elevator Inspections & Vending Licenses.

Permit/ Code Enforcement Report

Chairman McGrogan then referred to the permit/code enforcement report. For the permit period from 1/1-5/3 we have collected \$71,026.71. Year to date there have been 225 permits issued. For the period from 1/1 – 5/3 there have been 57 code enforcement cases and 150 code enforcement inspections.

Temporary Signs – St. Spyridon Church

Chairman McGrogan mentioned that St. Spyridon Church at 123rd & Ridgeland has a request to put up temporary signs from June 7th thru July 13th.

Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. All in favor and motion carried. **AGENDA**

Driveway – 12013 S 69th Court (Batkiewicz)

Mr. Batkiewicz from 12013 s 69th Court came up to the podium. He would like to widen out the driveway. He would like to have a third stall for cars and a boat.

Chairman McGrogan questioned how wide this would make the driveway. The owners would like to add an additional 13 feet at the widest point that tapers down at the street.

According to Alderman Fulkerson, the widening begins in the right-of-way, which cannot be done. Chairman McGrogan mentioned he would have to go back to the setback line and start from there. With that modification, Mr. Batkiewicz can start working with the building Department.

Alderman Basso's concern is the amount of green space, and is wondering if the driveway width could be 10feet wide instead of the 13feet. This would leave more green space.

Mr. Batkiewicz got the recommendation for 13 feet from his contractor. He will amend it to 10feet. Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve at 10 feet wide and to begin widening at setback line, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. All in favor and motion carried.

Sign – Providence Bank (6431 W 127th Street)

The bank is looking for a variance for the "V" on their sign, which is out of code. According Chris Kransberger, the letter is 6" out of code.

Chairman McGrogan made a motion to approve the request for variance, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**

Driveway – 12930 S 76th Avenue (Vanderlaan)

Attorney David Sossin (on behalf of petitioner) approached the podium to discuss the proposed changes to the driveways. According to Chairman McGrogan this has not gone through ZBA yet. Chairman Fulkerson feels this discussion should not be at this meeting and should first go to the zoning board of appeals and City Council.

According to David Sossin, the new plans include an area for a turn around and additional parking, this would affect the engineering. As they proceed, the plan would be to come back to the council when the engineering is totally approved by the City engineer.

Alderman Fulkerson doesn't feel any of this falls under the jurisdiction of the LPF committee. Chris Kransberger clarified that they reason for their attendance is for the turn around. It would have to get approved because it is not a straight in driveway.

Light Control – City's Code Section 154.42

Chairman McGrogan mentioned this is not a pending issue right now, just more for clarification. The language for the building department is not definitive. In cases like this where it is vague to define what is appreciable. Chris Kransberger is going to see how some of the surrounding communities have dealt with the lighting. We can then get more descriptive on backyard lighting. Chris will come back to the committee with recommendations.

Comments from the Audience

Resident Jack Trevillian (7654 Sequoia) just wanted to say the alderman made the right decision regarding the Vanderlaan property. He lives very close to the property. He doesn't know why he has plans for three house, since they have been denied in the past for 3 houses.

Adjourn

Chairman McGrogan moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary