



City of Dallas
Planning Commission
Council Chambers - City Hall
December 8, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

President Chuck Lerwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chuck Lerwick, Carol Kowash, Dave Pederson and Murray Stewart.

Commissioners Absent : Carrie Mendell, Doris Stefani and Robert Wilson.

Staff present: Community Development Director Jason Locke , City Attorney Lane Shetterly , Planner John Swanson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Lerwick presented the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2009. Carol Kowash made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dave Pederson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – This is an opportunity for citizens to speak to items not on the agenda (3 minutes per person please.)

OTHER BUSINES

Sign Code Review

Staff provided an overview of the existing sign code, with a discussion of some of the issues that staff encountered in administering and enforcing the Code. Locke explained that the sign Code was difficult to administer, and that revising it would be a process that included stakeholders. Locke outlined the plan for revising the sign code, and it was discussed by the Commission.

General discussion ensued regarding issues such as sign size, temporary signs, as well as the examples provided by staff for McMinnville and Stayton. It was agreed that a simple approach was preferable to a complex one, recognizing the difference between North Dallas and Downtown.

Locke also stated that the sign code, once revised, would be located in the Development Code, not the Municipal Code as it currently was.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff updated the Commission regarding the status of the Development Code, which was headed to final adoption by the Council on December 21.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Date