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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Municipal Building, Village Board Room 214
2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

Thursday, October 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL**
Chairperson Wachsmuth appointed Auxiliary Member James Aird as a full voting member.

Chairperson Wachsmuth called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT:	Commissioners:	Jim Aird, Arthur Berthelot, Mark Mercier, Chuck Plaia, Chairperson Virginia Wachsmuth
ABSENT:	Commissioners:	Scot Neil, Gary Rasmussen, Patrick Watkins, and Trustee Bill Cannon
ALSO PRESENT:		Village Planner Katie Bowman, Inspectional Services Chief Mary Ann Hess, Secretary Regina Mullen

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE:**

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**
Motion by Commissioner Mercier to accept the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.
Voice Vote:
All AYES.
Motion Carried: Agenda Accepted.

4. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:** None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

5-a. Request to approve the Minutes of August 30, 2012
Motion by Commissioner Mercier to approve the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.
Voice Votes:
All AYES.
Motion Carried: Approved Minutes.

5-b. Request to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2012
Motion by Commissioner Mercier to approve the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.
Voice Votes:
All AYES.
Motion Carried: Approved Minutes

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6-a. Consider changes to the regulation of automatic changeable copy signs (electronic signs) and make a recommendation to the Village Board.

Village Planner Bowman presented a summary of the proposed changes to the sign ordinance focusing specifically on changes made to automatic changeable copy signs, as discussed at this Commission's meeting of August 30, 2012 and the Village Board at their Workshop of September 20, 2012.
Chairperson Wachsmuth opened the meeting up to the Commissioners for questions.
Commissioner Plaia – No Questions.
Commissioner Berthelot – Questioned "Opened/Closed" signs at banks in drive up lanes.
Village Planner Bowman – Stated this would not be applicable in Sec. 6-3 (2).
Commissioner Berthelot – Questioned Sec. 6-3 (3) as to why we would not allow moving backgrounds, like a moving flag.
Chairperson Wachsmuth - Questioned why the Village is allowed to operate this feature on their electronic changeable signage and felt it poor policy to make businesses adhere to a different standard.
Commissioner Berthelot – in agreement with Chairperson Wachsmuth.
Village Planner Bowman – Confirmed that the Village sign does not have to follow these regulations; however, when it is doing public information you get more leeway.
Commissioner Mercier – Stated it's a slippery slope. It could become a problem.
Commissioner Berthelot – Stated Sec. 6-3 (4) should read "sign copy changes shall occur in no less than (7) second intervals". Questioned Sec. 6-3 (6) "and no external

illumination" – why no up-lights, as up-lights could enhance the structure. Questioned Sec. 6-3 (7) regarding the (50%). He does not understand placing a limit on it.

Commissioner Aird – Noted a correction needed in the code language. Questioned including dimming requirements as to when and how much a sign needs to be dimmed.

Village Planner Bowman – Will look into this concern. May be best to be "Dusk to Dawn" with the changing of daylight savings time.

Commissioner Mercier – Felt the area of luminosity should be looked into more closely. He referred to McHenry County's UDO as last month they placed a moratorium on electronic changeable signs. Their ordinance has limits as 6000 nits during the day, dusk to dawn, and then 500 at night, so less than 1/10th. Requested Village Planner research what is reasonable values to use especially for safety. Referred to other type of sign in McHenry County Ordinance, a real window sign, our ordinance is not addressing these signs. Are these signs outside the purview of this ordinance?

Village Planner Bowman – The only regulations on window signs is that you can take no more than 50% of the window, but then there are prohibited types of signs. If we adopted this and it specifically would say that automatic changeable copy signs are not permitted on the wall, we could also specify that they are not permitted in the window.

Commissioner Mercier - went on to refer to another type of sign in the McHenry County Ordinance which addressed projected signs. The face of the building and a sign that comes up perpendicular to the face of the building.

Village Planner Bowman – Stated that would not be allowed. Those types of signs only get 6 sq. ft. and they are not able to be internally illuminated.

Chairperson Wachsmuth – Agrees with Commissioner Mercier regarding "Dusk to Dawn" on dimming. Agrees with Commissioner Berthelot that we would delete the "no external illumination" in item 6. Regarding Item 7 would like to increase the 50% and feels it is too limited. Would 2/3's be reasonable? On Item 12, would like to add public service announcements.

Village Planner Bowman – If this were permitted, someone having an event could go to all of the businesses and request that their event is advertised at all of the businesses.

Commissioner Aird – Requested we leave it as it stands. We are getting too specific.

Village Planner Bowman – Provided the following recap:

This Commission finds the proposed changes to be generally good with several noted, suggested, additional changes which include Section 6-3:

- #4 a rewording which reads, "signed copy changes shall occur in no fewer than 7 second intervals and limited to changeable messages and not changing or

crawling messages.

- #5 shall be amended to state that illumination level may not exceed 75 foot candles including the existing statement plus the statement that it shall dim by 50% from dusk to dawn or as otherwise updated by Village Planner based upon technical standards or best practice;
- #6 shall be amended to eliminate no external illumination:
- #7 shall be amended to state that it shall be a maximum of 2/3's of the maximum permitted sign area but not to exceed 64 sq. ft.;
- #12 shall be amended to read copy shall not advertise products or services not available on the zoning lot on which the automatic signage is located except for public service announcements or as otherwise worded by staff;
- Add to Section 6-8 (a) (2) (h) which says that freestanding signs may include automatic changeable copy provided they follow the regulations for automatic changeable copies.

Chairperson Wachsmuth entertained a Motion directing staff gather additional information and table this item to their next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mercier directing staff to gather additional information and tabled this item to their next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:	Commissioners:	Aird, Berthelot, Mercier, Plaia, Chairperson Wachsmuth
NAYS:	Commissioner:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners:	Neil, Rasmussen, Watkins

Motion Carried: Staff to provide additional information and table this item to their next meeting.

5-b. Consider rescheduling the November 8, 2012 and January 10, 2013 meeting dates.

Chairperson Wachsmuth entertained a Motion to reschedule the November 8, 2012 and January 10, 2013 meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Mercier to reschedule the November 8, 2012 meeting to November 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and to reschedule the January 10, 2013 meeting to January 17, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:	Commissioners:	Aird, Berthelot, Mercier, Plaia, Chairperson Wachsmuth
NAYS:	Commissioner:	None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Neil, Rasmussen, Watkins
Motion Carried: November 8, 2012 rescheduled to November 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and the January 10, 2013 meeting rescheduled to January 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

7. **TOWNHALL SESSION:** None.
Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes per speaker.

8. **OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): None.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

9-a. Open Meetings Act Training Requirements: New members of this Commission are required to complete on-line training.

9-b. Community Development Update:

- **Discount Tire** – Viewed revised elevations of Discount Tire. They have amended their site plan at the request of the Village Board. Construction will begin in the spring of 2013.
- **Irving Park Road Study** - Recommendations will be coming out shortly. Presented a conceptual site plan of the old Menards. A TIF 5 public hearing will be held at the Village Board meeting on November 1, with TIF 5 up for adoption in January 2013.
- **ICSC Conference** – Mayor, Village Manager and Village Planner attended the annual Deal Making Conference in Chicago and held various meetings with developments, retailers, brokers promoting available Village properties.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:
Motion by Commissioner Mercier, seconded by Commissioner Berthelot.

Voice Vote:
All AYES.
Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by:

Regina Mullen, Secretary
this 11 day of October, 2012

Virginia Wachsmuth, Chairperson