

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023
MEETING OF THE MORTON GROVE APPEARANCE COMMISSION
MORTON GROVE VILLAGE HALL, 6101 CAPULINA AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Appearance Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Pietron. Secretary Anne Ryder Kirchner called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Block, Hedrick, Ingram, Manno, Minx, Pietron, and Zimmer

Commissioners Absent: None

Village Staff Present: Zoe Heidorn, Community Development Administrator
Anne Ryder Kirchner, Assistant Land Use Planner

Trustees Present: Minx and Thill

Chairperson Pietron proceeded to seek approval of the October 3, 2023, minutes.

Commissioner Block moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Minx seconded the motion.

Chairperson Pietron called for the vote.

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| Commissioner Block voting | aye |
| Commissioner Hedrick voting | aye |
| Commissioner Ingram voting | aye |
| Commissioner Manno voting | aye |
| Commissioner Minx voting | aye |
| Commissioner Zimmer voting | aye |
| Chairperson Pietron voting | abstain |

Minutes approved (6-0)

Chairperson Pietron asked for agenda items to be taken in a different order to accommodate the applicants.

Chairperson Pietron called for the case.

CASE: Continuation of AC 23-11

APPLICANT: Krystina Huertas of NAI Hiffman (agent for property owner)

LOCATION: 6340 Oakton Street
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

PETITION: Request for waivers to select sign requirements of Chapter 10-10

Krystina Huertas and Yesenia Ortega of NAI Hiffman said the existing v-shaped real estate sign will be taken down. They will place a banner, for no longer than 180 days, on the façade of the southwest building, facing south.

Commissioners Zimmer and Ingram requested the sign be mounted on hard substrate, as a banner will not survive the winter elements.

Commissioner Block moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hedrick.

Chairperson Pietron called for the vote.

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| Commissioner Block voting | aye |
| Commissioner Hedrick voting | aye |
| Commissioner Ingram voting | aye |
| Commissioner Manno voting | aye |
| Commissioner Minx voting | aye |
| Commissioner Zimmer voting | aye |

Motion passed 7-0.

CASE: AC 23-14

APPLICANT: Krystina Huertas of NAI Hiffman (agent for property owner)

LOCATION: 8210-8270 Lehigh Avenue
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

PETITION: Request for waivers to select sign requirements of Chapter 10-10

The applicant presented changes to the existing monument sign to add leasing information and property identification. This existing sign is and will remain conforming.

Commissioner Zimmer noted that the leasing info could be in a larger font.

Commissioner Zimmer moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ingram.

Chairperson Pietron called for the vote.

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| Commissioner Block voting | aye |
| Commissioner Hedrick voting | aye |
| Commissioner Ingram voting | aye |
| Commissioner Manno voting | aye |
| Commissioner Minx voting | aye |
| Commissioner Zimmer voting | aye |
| Chairperson Pietron voting | aye |

Motion approved 7-0.

CASE: AC 23-13

APPLICANT: Panjwani Network Inc.

LOCATION: 9530 Waukegan Road
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

PETITION: Request for an Appearance Certificate for building and landscape plans with select waivers associated with exterior modifications to an existing commercial structure.

The applicant Reena Panjwani Khowaja and architect Dana Campbell presented revised plans for the new corporate office for Panjwani Network Inc. Evergreen shrubs replace hydrangeas to screen the parking lot, and a new tree will be planted along the north property line. It was noted that a trash enclosure is not required as the trash will be stored in the building and taken outside on pick-up days.

Samples of the exterior Nichica panels and paint color were presented.

Commissioner Ingram asked if there was a color rendering of the building. Ms. Heidorn found a color rendering from a previous email.

Chairman Pietron said this was a big improvement for the property.

Commissioner Ingram moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hedrick.

Chairperson Pietron called for the vote.

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| Commissioner Block voting | aye |
| Commissioner Hedrick voting | aye |
| Commissioner Ingram voting | aye |
| Commissioner Manno voting | aye |
| Commissioner Minx voting | aye |
| Commissioner Zimmer voting | aye |
| Chairperson Pietron voting | aye |

Motion approved 7-0.

CASE: AC 23-12

APPLICANT: The Village of Morton Grove

PETITION: Request for approval of amendments to Chapter 10-10 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code relating to the regulation of signage.

Ms. Heidorn presented the proposed changes to the sign code on a section by section basis. General discussion ensued praising the changes.

Commissioner Zimmer asked if there would be any amortization for the signs and if owners would be compensated for a loss of a sign or display.

Ms. Heidorn noted that box signs would be allowed to stay until the end of their useful life. All other proposed changes would be effective immediately, after notice to the business.

Chairman Pietron thanked staff for their work on the proposed changes.

Commissioner Zimmer moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Minx.

Chairperson Pietron called for the vote.

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| Commissioner Block voting | aye |
| Commissioner Hedrick voting | aye |
| Commissioner Ingram voting | aye |
| Commissioner Manno voting | aye |
| Commissioner Minx voting | aye |
| Commissioner Zimmer voting | aye |
| Chairperson Pietron voting | aye |

Motion approved 7-0.

Chairperson Pietron asked for any other business or discussion.

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Minx moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manno.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes by: Anne Ryder Kirchner