

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2016  
MEETING OF THE MORTON GROVE APPEARANCE COMMISSION  
RICHARD T FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER  
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 pm by Chairperson Zimmer, who led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Sopkin called the roll. In attendance were:

Members of the Commission Present:

B. Zimmer (Chairperson)  
R. Block  
P. Minx  
M. Ingram  
D. Manno  
D. Hedrick

Members of the Commission absent:

None

Village Staff Present:

D. Argumedo, Zoning Administrator/Land Use Planner/Staff Liaison  
J. Komorowski, Building Official  
J. Thill, Trustee/Commission Liaison  
J. Pietron, Trustee  
R. Minx, Trustee

Chp Zimmer now announced the first order of business which was the approval of the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting.

Cmsr Manno moved to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Cmsr Block. Secretary Sopkin called the roll. The vote was as follows:

Ingram	<u>Aye</u>	Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Hedrick	<u>Aye</u>	Block	<u>Aye</u>
		Manno	<u>Aye</u>

Chp Zimmer moved on to the next agenda item, **Sign Case AC 16-02, North Shore Sign, 6000 Dempster Street, Requesting Approval to Modify/Replace a Nonconforming Sign.** Skip Spanjer, North Shore Sign, was present.

Mr. Spanjer started off by saying that the original sign was damaged when a truck ran into it. He went on to describe the project stating that they would be removing the old sign and cutting the existing poles down in height. The sign would go from 5' x 13' to 6' x 9', and would be 11' less in square footage. They would leave the space between the poles for visibility, as this was on the driveway area. They would also move the sign off the sidewalk, and the sign would have fluorescent illumination for the lettering only. The rest of the sign would be opaque. He presented material samples to the Commissioner, and described the placement of the materials presented. They would be using cultured stone on the base and the double sided sign would be in aluminum.

Chp Zimmer said that this property had enough square footage to qualify for two free-standing signs, but that they chose to put up only one sign. Mr. Spanjer said there was 415’ of frontage on this property. They would also put in two bollards behind the sign to prevent a repeat incident.

Cmsr Ingram moved to approve **Appearance Certificate Case AC 16-02, North Shore Sign, 6000 Dempster**, as presented. The motion was seconded by Cmsr Minx.

Secretary Sopkin called the roll. The vote was as follows:

Ingram	<u>Aye</u>	Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Hedrick	<u>Aye</u>	Block	<u>Aye</u>
		Manno	<u>Aye</u>

Chp Zimmer moved on to the next agenda item, Other **Business/Public Comment**. Chp Zimmer stated that Las Fuentes, 9001 Waukegan Road, reduced the number of temporary signs, but would like to see them back regarding permanent signs. Staff Liaison Argumedo said that they were working with Las Fuentes to obtain gaming licenses, which is why they were holding up the permanent signage.

Chp Zimmer said that he notices the business at 7100 Dempster had blocked or covered all their windows, and this should be addressed. He said that he would like to start looking at the Ordinance to make changes. Staff Liaison Argumedo said that he would like to meet with a sub-committee if possible to review.

Cmsr Hedrick noted that the old Violet’s property had new signage which she thought was rather large, and Staff Liaison Argumedo said he would look into that.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Minx moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Block and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 7:10 pm pm.

Stacy Sopkin  
Minutes by: Secretary Sopkin

Minutes were approved on			
July 6, 2016		by a voice vote of the	
Commissioners, with the votes as follows:			
Ingram	<u>Aye</u>	Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Hedrick	<u>Aye</u>	Block	<u>Aye</u>
		Manno	<u>Aye</u>