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TOPEKA PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, March 18, 2019

6:00PM – Municipal Building, 214 SE 8th Street, 2nd floor Council Chambers

Members present: Brian Armstrong, Corey Dehn, Marc Fried, Wiley Kannarr, Ariane Messina, Katrina Ringler, Matt Werner (7)

Members Absent: Carole Jordan, Corliss Lawson (2)

Staff Present: Bill Fiander, Planning & Development Director; Mike Hall, Current Planning Manager; Kris Wagers, Administrative Officer; Mary Feighny, Legal

Discussion Item

ACZR18/02 Visual Code Update III (Draft Sign Standards)

Mr. Hall presented information about the draft sign standards and also about feedback received from the February 26, 2019 public meetings. He took questions as they arose and there was discussion throughout with and amongst the commission. Mr. Hall also noted two handouts, which included an email from Shawn Holthaus and one from Virginia Baumgartner and Cindy Proett.

Present were Virginia Baumgartner and Cindy Proett, both of Luminous Signs. Ms. Baumgartner and Ms. Proett both served on the sign code committee. They came forward at times to provide information.

Ms. Ringler noted that there were people in the audience and asked if anyone would like to speak. Pat Barnes came forward and expressed concern about the possibility of no longer allowing portable message center signs.

It was ultimately agreed that Visual Code Update III (sign standards) will come back to the commission at the May 20, 2019 meeting as an action item. There was discussion among the Commission and staff regarding non-conforming signs, abandoned signs, signs adjacent to highways, signs related to construction, and portable message center signs. At the next meeting staff will present additional information and options for how to address the sign issues discussed at this meeting.