

**CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Minutes of the Regular Public Hearing
January 16, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Cindy Blacksmith called the roll. The following were:

Present: Chair Matt Parsons, Commissioners Michael Cowan, Savannah Crawford, George Devine, Mike Fleck, Lindsey Haskell and Mike LaBorde

Absent: None

Staff Present: Community Development Director Howard Schesser, City Planner Amanda Ferguson, Planning Technician Jessica Duggan, and Recording Secretary Cindy Blacksmith

Staff Absent: None

News Media Present: None

MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLECK AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEVINE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2007 REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING AS PRESENTED.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Commissioner Cowan	Commissioner Crawford	Commissioner Devine	Commissioner Fleck	Commissioner Haskell	Commissioner Laborde	Chair Parsons
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYES							
ABSTAIN							

Staff advised that this hearing had been advertised and publicized and notices posted as required by law. It was asked that any correspondence received be noted as a part of the item on the agenda.

Ex Parte Contact

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None Scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Geomax/Dennis Grice – Design Review (DR 12-07) for RV Storage Facility in M-2 Heavy Industrial District

Director Schesser stated that the applicant had requested that this item be continued to the February 20, 2008 public hearing, but that the public hearing should be opened to allow anyone present the opportunity to speak.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

No one spoke.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DEVINE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLECK TO CONTINUE APPLICATION FILE NO. DR 12-07 TO THE FEBRUARY 20, 2008 REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE APPLICANT’S REQUEST.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Commissioner Cowan	Commissioner Crawford	Commissioner Devine	Commissioner Fleck	Commissioner Haskell	Commissioner Laborde	Chair Parsons
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYES							
ABSTAIN							

C S Sign Corp/Safeway – Design Review (DR 13-07) for Safeway Signage in C-2P
Community Commercial District

The applicant is proposing to rebrand the exterior signage of the Safeway Store and gas station at 1500 East Main Street.

Safeway currently has several wall signs – a Safeway wall sign (200 square feet), a small Wells Fargo sign for the bank located inside of the principal grocery store (28 square feet), a Western Union logo sign (8 square feet), and a circular Starbucks sign (3 feet in diameter), and a two-sided 20 foot tall pylon sign with a 6 foot by 6 foot Safeway logo and 10 foot by 2 foot 8 inch Safeway nameplate as well as a 6 foot by 6 foot panel containing gas prices for a total of 149 square feet. Total signage for the Safeway development exceeds the 200 square feet allowed under the code by 194 square feet. To add to or change this signage total, design review approval is required.

Proposed signage changes on the Safeway façade include the removal of all existing wall signs and their replacement with a new “Safeway” wall sign (126.5 square feet), a “Pharmacy” sign (31.6 square feet), a Wells Fargo sign (28 square feet), a Signature Café sign (25 square feet), and a Starbucks sign (9 square feet). The new signage will total 220.1 square feet (12.7 square feet less than existing). The existing pylon sign will be refaced and painted only.

Proposed signage changes on the gas station include the removal of the “SAFEWAY” signs and Safeway logo on the south, west and north elevations and their replacement with “SAFEWAY” in larger letters and a different font on the south, west and north and the removal of the Safeway logo from the east façade. The proposed square footage of the four signs is 94.2 square feet (19.6 square feet more than is existing).

The net change for the development site will be 6.9 square feet more signage than was previously approved.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Christian Solfodeck, CS Sign Corp., 2907 130th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005 stated he was representing Safeway in all of their stores in the northwest and this proposal was part of their nation-wide rebranding for Safeway. He stated the store will be painted inside and out and that the new signs will be more subtle than those existing. He stated he felt that the store would have a much nicer look overall.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Devine stated that had seen the new design in other stores and it looked nice.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLECK AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEVINE TO APPROVE APPLICATION FILE NO. DR 13-07, BASED ON THE CRITERIA, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS STATED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

VOTE	Commissioner Cowan	Commissioner Crawford	Commissioner Devine	Commissioner Fleck	Commissioner Haskell	Commissioner Laborde	Chair Parsons
AYES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAYES							
ABSTAIN							

INFORMATION REPORT FROM STAFF

Each Commissioner received a copy of the new Development Code and reference material from DLCD and LCOG on Oregon Land Use Planning and Quasi-Judicial procedures. They also received a copy of the tentative Work Program for the Community Development Department for 2008.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED

Cindy Blacksmith, Secretary

Matt Parsons, Chair