

Minutes
Kimberly Planning Commission
March 16, 2010

Chairman Chuck Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Norb Karner, Paul Hermes, Duane Biese, Steve Schreiber, Dean Schiesl and David Opsteen. Also present were Rick Hermus, Administrator for the Village of Kimberly and Scott Timm representing Colortech.

Commissioner Karner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Opsteen seconded the motion. The Commission voted and approved the minutes unanimously.

The Commission then reviewed a request from Colortech and the BP Convenience Store located at 730 West Kimberly Avenue to install an electronic reader board to its existing pedestal sign. After much discussion the Commission was satisfied that if the business abided by Village Ordinance that regulates the maximum speed for traveling messages, the segmented time between messages, and that the messages can be used only for activities conducted within the business or for public service information they would allow the unit. The Commission was also very concerned about the brightness of the sign. Scott Timm stated that the sign is equipped with a photo eye that controls the brightness of the lights depending on ambient light conditions. They also discussed hours of operation but decided not to put restrictions on the business. With a motion to approve by Commissioner Biese and a second from Commissioner Opsteen the Commission approved the reader board unanimously.

The Commission then reviewed the proposed sign plan for the U.S. Oil project located on Better Way. U.S. Oil would like to place three separate monument signs on their property. One sign would be placed between the building and County Highway CE indentifying the building as U.S. headquarters. The second sign would be placed at the entrance driveway and would direct visitors to parking areas and places for deliveries. It would also feature their address as 425 Better Way. The last sign would be placed at the entrance to Better Way just southeast of the Railroad Street Better Way intersection and also be an informative sign with listing for other tenants in the business park. All three signs were similar in design and according to the Commission in very good taste.

Lastly the Commission discussed the Natural Lawn ordinance in preparation for U.S. Oil submitting their prairie grass landscape plan. The Commission realized that this natural lawn plan is much more labor intensive than just having regular grass. They felt it would fit in with the green building concept and are willing to accept the plan when presented as long as U.S. Oil follows the ordinance and maintains it accordingly.

Commissioner Karner made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hermes seconded this motion, and the Commission's vote was unanimous. The Commission adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dave Vander Velden
Secretary, Planning Commission