

CAIRO ZONING COMMISSION, CAIRO TOWN HALL 6/29/2009

ATTENDANCE: Richard Booth, John Gallagher, Bill Hummel, Doug Ostrander, Mary Kames, Nan Stolzenburg... full minutes are available on audio tape.
Absent: Sue Oldakowski, Richard Lorenz, Janet Schwarzenegger

Meeting called to order by D. Ostrander.

OPEN WITH THE PLEDGE

There were no minutes for the meeting scheduled for 6/22/2009 because the meeting was canceled by Doug Ostrander.

Meeting opened with a review of the minutes for 6/8/2009 meeting. Richard Booth discussed the fact that section that we agreed on about the Main Street district should be made clearer. However, Richard Booth made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Bill Hummel seconded the motion.

A discussion of the Main Street definition was held concerning the true definition of "Main Street" should be made clear. Richard Booth felt that the term Main Street should be defined as the area where sidewalks are installed or capable of being installed. The term "Main Street" must be applied to the commercial nodes that are to be included at the end of the Main Street district. The actual main Street area should area was determined to run from Route 23 to Route 23. This would include the actual Main Street district and the main Street commercial nodes.

A discussion of Section VIII followed and the following items were discussed and determined:

Section VII – Parking, Access & Loading

2. Off –street parking – wording was acceptable except the Commission felt that the Planning Board should have flexibility in the parking restrictions to encourage business to come to the Main Street area. The parking issue should drive business from the area.

c. Guidelines – ask Nan to supply more specific items to the guideline chart.

g. & h (2) – paragraphs about handicap should be combined.

i. Parking "side" should be removed from the first sentence.

m. Curbing should not be an option. "Curbing must be required."

Sidewalk – this subject appears to be missing and should be incorporated in this section. Nan will look into adding this issue in this section.

B. Off –Street Loading Requirements

4. Loading dock must be to the rear of the building. It was decided that all new loading have no option of being in the front of the building.

Section IX. Landscaping

- B. A section “8” is to be added by Nan as a new section that will address the subject “Street trees”.

Section X. Signs

A new definition is to be added that will define the term sign-advertising.

4. Freestanding signs – generated some discussion
 - c. Commission needs t decide the actual height we should choose. In some communities the low rise signs are generally becoming more acceptable. Do we still want to allow 10' signs?
 - d. Externally lighted signs shall be required.
 - e. Delete the following phrasing from the paragraph “... for building with more than 5000 square feet of building footprint on C Business District in Cairo.” This phrase referred to a section that has been changed in the draft law.
 - f. Ground mounted signs – it was decided that the landscaped base and other options for these signs may be decided by the Planning Board.
5. Building signs.
 - d. A change to signs hung under roof is changed from 4 feet to 6 feet.
6. Sign Bonuses
 - b. The sentence concerning advertising on the signs is to be eliminated. It was determined that no advertising would be allowed on signs

The meeting was ended when Mary Pesez-Kames made a motion to end the meeting and Doug Ostrander seconded the motion.

Next July meeting – cover July Sections XI & XII

Mary Kames made motion to close meeting and Doug Ostrander seconded the motion. Meeting ended 9:45PM. .