

**City of Brighton  
Planning Commission  
Minutes  
March 19, 2012**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Vice-Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The following were present:

David McLane	Robert Pawlowski
Matt Smith	John Wells
Dave Petrak	Al Wirth
Bill Bryan	

Absent: Steve Monet, Larry Schillinger

**Motion** by Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Bryan, to excuse Commission Members Monet and Schillinger from tonight's meeting. **Motion carried 7-0-2.**

Also present were Amy Cyphert and Lauri French from Staff and an audience of four.

**2. Approval of the February 27, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Wirth asked that the February 27, 2012 meeting minutes be corrected to show him as present. **Motion** by Mr. Petrak, supported by Mr. Wells, to approve the February 27, 2012 regular meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried 6-0-3**, with two absences and Mr. Bryan abstaining due to his absence at the February meeting.

**3. Approval of the March 19, 2012 Agenda**

Vice-Chairperson Smith suggested that we might want to switch the agenda item order and do the award presentations first (move item 6 to item 4a.). **Motion** by Mr. Bryan, supported by Mr. Wells, to approve tonight's agenda as amended to move item 6 to item 4a. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

**4. Call to the Public**

The call to the public was made at 7:33 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed at 7:33 p.m.

**Unfinished Business**

**4a. Award Presentations:**

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Siford Award:	<i>Bagger Dave's, 110 E. Grand River</i>
	<i>Studio West, 111 West Street</i>
	<i>Donald &amp; Patricia Siegel, Owner of Building</i>

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Vice-Chairperson Smith reviewed the criteria for the Siford award and presented the award to the three recipients: Jeff Nickel from Bagger Dave's, Tina Jackson and Cortney Wiggins from Studio West, and Don and Patricia Siegel, owners of the building. He complimented them on the improvements to the building. The recipients thanked the Planning Commission members for their awards, and Mr. Siegel noted that he was very appreciative of all the assistance they received from Matt Modrack, Amy Cyphert, Lauri French and Renee Leija.

## **Public Hearings**

### **5. Public Hearing Date for and Possible Action on Amendments to Chapter 66, Article I, Section 66-2, Definitions, Section 66-4, Exempt Signs and the addition of 66-100, Downtown Business District (DBD) signage requirements**

Vice-Chairperson Smith closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Hearing no public comments, he closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

There was general discussion about the changes and the commission members appreciated receiving the marked-up copy of the document so they could see what had changed. There was discussion about the revised language for temporary event signs and sandwich board signs. Ms. Cyphert noted that the Planning Commission's options are: 1) approve the revised DBD sign ordinance and amendments and forward the amended ordinance to City Council for review and adoption; 2) send the ordinance back to the City Attorney for changes as required; or 3) scrap the whole ordinance and start over.

**Motion** by Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Wirth, to approve the revised DBD Sign Ordinance and Amendments 66-2, Definitions, and 66-4, Exempt Signs, and the addition of 66-100, Downtown Business District (DBD) signage requirements and to forward the amended ordinance to City Council for review and adoption. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

## **New Business**

### **Other Business**

#### **7. Staff Updates**

a. Award Discussion – As discussed at last month's meeting, Ms. Cyphert received a letter from James Siford requesting that the Siford name be removed and someone else who has contributed to the City be recognized by this award. There was some discussion about alternatives to the award itself and whether it should be named for a former, possibly long-standing member of Planning Commission. There was no decision made at tonight's meeting and this item will be carried forward to revisit at next month's meeting.

Ms. Cyphert also noted that Excelda should be starting construction this spring. She also reported that work is continuing on the Pink Hotel (Brewery) but that they had run into some problems which were not unexpected and common for a building of that age. Most of the current work being done is to the interior of the building.

#### **8. Commissioner Concerns**

#### **9. Call to the Public**

The call to the public was made at 8:00 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

#### **11. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Mr. Wirth, supported by Mr. Petrak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

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*John Wells, Secretary*

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*Lauri French, Recording Secretary*