

HIGHLAND PLAN COMMISSION
Special Meeting/Study Session Minutes
Concerning Review of Draft Proposal &
Modifications to existing Zoning Ordinance
February 23, 2017

Study Session began at 5:30 P.M.

In attendance were: Zoning Ordinance Consultants Taghi Arshami and Jay Gianotti from The Arsh Group, P.C. Attorney Jared Tauber, Councilman Steve Wagner, Plan Commissioners Turich, Grzymyski and Schocke, BZA members Mileusnich and Murovic. Also present, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator Ken Mika and Redevelopment Chairman Greg Kuzmar.

Mr. Ashami and Mr. Gianotti introduced themselves to the group and explained that everyone should have received copies of the line revision and the summary of changes.

Mr. Mika stated that the purpose of this meeting was for everyone in attendance to review what has been submitted to them to date for discussion and comment so that changes can be made to finalize the document so as to advance to the approval phase.

Mr. Arshami and Mr. Gianotti used the summary of changes to go line for line to explain the philosophy and purpose of the changes. They also added that things are more defined and that graphics have been added which had previously not existed. It was reiterated by Mr. Mika that our current language pertaining to personal storage on residential properties in addition to the language that was changed addressing hotels will remain as is in the revised ordinance.

There was some discussion regarding the setback and positioning of the overhead doors of an attached garage which was a change. The consultants comment was that this was due to aesthetics.

Mr. Mika stated that at his request, and out of recent concerns by the Commission the consultants have prepared language which was distributed to those in attendance to be added to the revisions concerning the use of rope lights on commercial buildings.

Councilman Wagner and Mr. Mika requested the consultants put language together addressing not being able to farm or garden in the front yard of residential districts. Mr. Mika asked that the language include corner lots and through lots. They were to work on this and get us a proposal.

The Arsh Group was to put together the full document and get us copies to proceed for approval.

Mr. Mika asked Mr. Tauber to research the approval process requirements, and prepare any related ordinance documents to do so.

Study Session ended at 7:20 P.M.

Ken Mika
Building Commissioner/ Zoning Administrator