

The regular meeting of the Conway Historic District Commission was held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in Conway City Hall. The following members, being a quorum, were present [initially] and acting: George Covington, Sr., Steve Hurd, Taylor Martin, Gerald Tosh. Shelby Fiegel and David Carolina joined the meeting late. Emily Walter was absent.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Sign Exception (OCDOD) – 609 Locust Avenue

In the April 2019 meeting, this item was deferred for review until the May 2019 meeting as the applicant did not meet the public notification requirements for the initial meeting.

May 2019 meeting:

Rick Green, 1140 Crimson Clover Dr, the applicant, presented the request. He stated the desire is to have a double-sided sign with lighting on a grassy area between the Baptist Missionary Association (BSA) building and the Coldwell Banker building at 609 Locust Avenue.

Steve Hurd asked if lighting would be on all night. Gayle Lamey, 611 Grove St, asked why there had to be lights at all. Rick Green explained some of their clients come very early in the morning, some as early as 5:00 a.m., before the sun is up. The lights would aid them in finding their office since there are no signs on the building. Steve Hurd asked if the plan was to leave lights on all night. A discussion ensued and the inclination was to use a timer.

Steve Hurd asked why the sign had to be so tall. The requested sign was well over the height limit. Rick Green responded there is parking on both sides of the sign, and cars might block the sign. Thus, he believed the extra height would remedy the situation.

Gayle Lamey, asked why can't it be a monument type sign? Steve Hurd explained it will still technically be a monument sign.

Steve suggested 56" as the maximum height. It was noted that was the recommendation in the Staff Report as well.

Taylor Martin made the motion that a third item be added to the recommendation to state a timer will be added to the lights, and lights will be off between 9 pm – 5 am. Recommendations 1 and 2 remain as is. Shelby Fiegel seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

B. Wood Privacy Fence (OCDOD) – 1312 Donaghey Avenue

James Walden gave a short introduction and some background information on something that transpired prior to this meeting. James thought there was a violation of the gravel driveway code. After looking into it, he decided there was no violation since it fell within the "existing driveway" criteria. He also explained the request involved three different sized lengths of fencing around the property to fit the privacy level needed in that location. Two of the lengths of fencing required lattice at the top, the rear one did not due to the higher privacy concern. The details are described in the Staff Report addendum. The additional privacy was due to the home being used as a counseling practice, and the various fencing heights allowed privacy for visitors.

James Walden also briefed he gave permission to cut some dead trees on the lot as they were causing a dangerous situation and considered it an emergency to remove them.

Shelby Fiegel made a motion to approve the request based on the two recommendations listed on the report addendum. George Covington Sr. seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

Taylor Martin made a motion to adjourn. George Covington, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.