

MINTUES OF THE MANNING BOARD OF ZONINGS APPEALS

Monday, September 26, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall Bldg.

Members Present:

Ted Gardner
James Zimmerman

Members Absent-Excused(e)

Larry Williamson
Levy Young

Staff Present:

Mary Adger, Zoning Administrator
Patrina Space, Customer Service Representative

I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks: Mr. Gardner welcomed all and presented the Board Members.

II. Invocation: Mr. Ted Gardner.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2011. A **motion** was made by Mr. J. Zimmerman and was seconded by Mr. T. Gardner to accept the minutes. All favored the motion.

IV. Discussion of request No. E-2011-02 by Phil Pham to be allowed a special exception to operate a drinking establishment at 15 N. Brooks Street, Tax Map# 169-15-06-020-00 zoned Core Commercial (CC).

Mr. T. Gardner opened the discussion by explaining the request to the Board Members.

The board inquired about the following information:

Mr. J. Zimmerman

- Is there another Vietnamese Restaurant here in town?
- When you say no beer on Sundays, do you mean the restaurant will be closed on Sundays?

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- There is not a lot of parking space in front will the customers be able to park around back?
- Will the restaurant opening be determined on whether or not you are able to get a beer license?

Mr. T. Gardner

- Do you have any experience in operating a restaurant?
- Will people be allowed to drink during the day?
- What will be your hours of operation?

Proponent:

Phil Pham

Mr. Pham stated I would like to operate a restaurant with just beer, a place where people can enjoy and eat good food while drinking beer, no hard liquor.

Mr. Pham responded to the questions:

- I will have the first Vietnamese Restaurant here in town.
- No beer will be sold on Sundays but the restaurant will be open.
- Customers will be able to park around back behind the restaurant.

Mary Adger addressed the board concerning the parking space for the restaurant. According to the zoning regulations, the core commercial area downtown not required to provide parking; the city provides public parking. There is a municipal parking lot behind the stores which a lot of the businesses utilize for their employees on Church Street as well as street parking.

- Personally, I feel that the business will be based on the beer and the business would do better with the beer. If the license doesn't work out I may consider doing something else.
- I don't have any previous experience but I have a vision similar to the people that I will hire to help me run my business. I will build the kitchen up to code according to DHEC regulations and hire a chef.

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- During working hours one beer will be allowed. I have limitations on how many beers will be sold to one individual during the day.
- The restaurant will open at 11:00 A.M. and the closing time will depend on the public.

Opponents:

No one was in attendance to oppose to the exception.

A **motion** was made by Mr. T. Gardner to approve the request to serve beer only and was seconded by Mr. J. Zimmerman. All favored the motion.

V. Board Comments:

None

VI. Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Mr. J. Zimmerman to adjourn and Mr. T. Gardner seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

Time: 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Walker, Administrator Services Clerk