



SIGN ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM
City Administrative Offices, 45 West Main Street
Community Meeting Room**

A meeting of the Westminster Sign Ordinance Review Committee was held in the Community Meeting Room, at the City Administrative Offices, on September 14, 2021, at 6 PM.

Committee Members Teresa Pickett, Mike McMullin, Dana Rogers, Patrick D'Anthony, Tyler Codd, Dean Camlin, and Christine Ameduri were present. City staff member Andrew Gray was also present.

The following members of the public were present: None

Mr. Gray opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Item A: Committee Member Introductions - Mr. Gray asked all Committee Members to provide a brief background about themselves.

Item B: Review of the Current City Sign Ordinance (Article XVII Signs) - Mr. Gray reviewed, in detail, the current City Sign Ordinance and what parts of the Ordinance are reviewed for applications in applicable zoning districts. He explained the Standards for Renovation Westminster and how they only apply to sign review in the Central Business Zone. He mentioned the current Application for Sign or Awning and answered questions from Committee Members. He also mentioned how he is proposing to incorporate diagrams into the new Code, so it is easier for people to understand.

Committee member Ameduri mentioned that the Committee should look at the City of Frederick, Columbia, and Ellicott City sign ordinances for examples. It was noted that the Committee should also look at regulating and enforcing flashing signs, bright signs, and the sign code in general.

Committee member Rogers inquired about how it appears the Sign Ordinance has been modified over the years and how new things have been added without looking at the Ordinance as a whole.

Committee member McMullin had questions about blade signs on Main Street.

Committee member D'Anthony had questions on how sign area is determined.

Committee member Camlin inquired about adding the Standards for Renovation Westminster sign

regulations into the ordinance, so everything is in one place and easier to understand. He also agreed that adding diagrams would be helpful.

Item C: Review of Reed vs. Town of Gilbert, 576 U.S. 155. (SCOTUS) – Mr. Gray provided a brief review of the United State Supreme Court Case of Reed vs. Town of Gilbert, AZ. He explained how this case requires all sign codes in the United State to be content neutral.

Mr. Gray mentioned that he would provide the Committee with a draft sign Code for review and discussion at their next meeting. He also mentioned that he would send the Committee the Calvert County, Maryland sign regulations that were adopted post Reed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.