



City of Helen

Planning, Design and Review Board

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Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 Planning and Design Review Board Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
4. Sign Submittals:
 - a. Pierre Maalouf, Tiny Towne, requests approval for a new sign to replace the current sign at the corner of Hamby and Main Street. The sign will be of the appropriate size and the wood structure will be replaced with high density plastic.
5. Construction:
 - a. Bruce Pomeroy, Christoff's @ Seventy-Six, requests approval for a new structure that will be placed at his store on River Street. The structure is a miniature tower and will move the existing sign to this structure to make it easier for customers to see. This tower will fit within the alpine theme of Helen.



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6. Other Business:

- a. The city commission has requested that the PDRB to review the following business proposal:

Bill and Dana Bridges would like to start a business called "Santa's Hot Rod Adventure". The business would be a Santa look-a-like giving rides to people in his rat rod truck. They have previously parked the truck outside of Two Tire Tavern for pictures only, but want to start giving rides to adults only. They would have a designated route here in town, and it would be a year-round business. This proposition was first made at the City Commission meeting on July 18th, 2023. The commission wanted it to be reviewed by the PDRB first before moving on to them once again for approval.

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The PDRB met on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Helen City Hall with board member Dona Burke calling the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Board members present were Chris Williams, Linda McAllister, David Greear, and Mervin Barbree.

Approval of the Agenda; the motion to approve the agenda was made by Linda McAllister and second by David Greear. This motion was approved by all members present.

Approval of the minutes recorded from the previous meeting was first motioned by Chris Williams and second by Mervin Barbree. This motion was approved by all members present.

Sign Submittals

- a. Pierre Maalouf, Tiny Towne, requested approval to replace the existing sign at the corner of Hamby and Main St. The motion to approve was first made by Linda McAllister and second by Mervin Barbree. This motion was approved by all members present with conditions that the sign be moved back slightly to make it easier to see oncoming traffic from the north end of town.
- b. Bruce Pomeroy requested approval to build a miniature tower to hang his existing sign from at the Christoff's @ Seventy-Six on Munich St. The motion to approve the tower was first made by Chris Williams and second by Mervin Barbree. This motion was approved by all members present.



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- a. The PDRB discussed the business proposal from Bill and Dana Bridges known as “Santa’s Hot Rod Adventure”. The city commission requested the PDRB’s approval before the next Commission meeting in August, where they will ultimately decide whether or not to grant a business license. After much discussion, the PDRB decided to deny the request for the business until more information is known about the vehicle being used for the business; as well as the status of the Department of Transportation’s permit for operating the vehicle on a state highway. The motion to deny the request was first made by David Greear and second by Linda McAllister. This motion was approved by all members present.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was first made by Linda McAllister and second by David Greear at 9:25 am. This motion was approved by all members present.



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APPROVED BY:

Helen Wilkins

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Chairman:

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Board Members:

David Greear

PREPARED BY

Linda McAllister

Jonah Casper

8/8/2023

Ralph Hofer

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

DATE

Mervin Barbree

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