

Ventnor City Planning Board  
Minutes  
April 10, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm

- |  | <u>Absent</u>                   | <u>Present</u>   |
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| 1. Roll Call   | Chief Hazlett<br>Don Siglin, Jr | Steve Rice<br>Comm. Sarno<br>John Santoro<br>Tom McAdam<br>Emily Christian<br>David Holtzman<br>Bob Landau<br>Jay Cooke<br>Mayor Bagnell |
| 2. Motion to adopt March 2014 minutes: motion made by Tom McAdam and seconded by Emily Christian. All were in favor.   |                                 |  |
| 3. Adoption of Applications: Caroline Till, 7311 Ventnor Ave, Block 135, lot 6 amended minor site plan with a c variance. Motion was made by Mayor Bagnell and seconded by Bob Landau. All were in favor.  |                                 |  |
| 4. Applications: NONE  |                                 |  |
| 5. Discussions: City Engineer was present (Charles Sabatini) to inform the board that the city is installing an emergency backup generator for power outages, . The generator will be located on the said (Sacramento Ave) in the back and will be landscaped to hide the generator and also block any noise. It will be “fired up” about 20 mins. a week to test it and then if need be the timing can be adjusted then. It will conform with all flood elevations that are required, asked a board member. Charles stated yes it will. |                                 |  |

LED signage: letter drafted by board engineer dated 4/4/14 was discussed to specifically address house of worships. The board engineer went over the definitions of everything under 102.118 VC code for the board to understand. Height of the sign, how big they will be, how fast the message will change, what time they will be allowed to go on and what time they have to be turned off at night,. these all were discussed

Public portion opens at 7:15pm

Rev. Ron Bretherick- St John's by the Sea. Stated that 8 minute is standard, the city just mentioned 5 min, he would like them to consider 3-5 minutes and also he stated (speaking for his group only) that he would be limited if they are only allowed to have the sign on only when services are taking place. He stated he will work with the city for whatever is decided.

7:19 pm public portion closes.

Board engineer stated that this was only a draft and that he will amend a few issues based on discussion tonight and bring back a final to be voted on next month.

Commercial District- music. Draft letter dated 4/3/14 by board engineer Hurlless.

Public portion opens at 7:41pm

Brian Callaghan, Esq. spoke needed to know what the "concept of assembly" means, should add it as a specific category. He states a coffee house with 4-5 guys there, someone reading poetry, or reading or playing chess- should be classified as a permitted use. Ventnor & Atlantic Aves had no parking but everyone still needs to come in front of this board for a site plan and parking variance (even though there is no parking in the entire business districts to accommodate parking on the street).- it makes no sense to charge the applicant for this. Board needs to determine the definition of the commercial districts.

7:30pm public portion opens

Mary O'Rourke Miller- 109 N Derby Ave, at first it was wonderful , guitar playing soft music , sit and have coffee, then they start with these heavy metal bands, rap and the battle of the bands, it was crazy then they would open the windows and the garage doors and it became unbearable in your homes.

Matt Feinstone- 408 N Harvard Ave- wanted to know what "coffee shop" definition was and stated to be careful if board grants this because then there would be no control on what kind of music was played.

Tony Morgan- 107 N Derby Ave- lives here 30 years and is 50 ft from the coffee shop and the music is absolutely too loud.

Ronald Caracci- 2151 Asbury Ave, Ocean City, NJ- he is the mc for the open mic nights at the coffee shop. The latest they have been there is 11:30 pm- he agrees the battle of the bands was too loud for residential area. He feels that there can be a happy medium.

Lee Klein- 126 N Dudley- 100 ft from Dorset Ave, lives here 29 yrs quiet neighborhood and now crazy- in one night they can have 15 bands perform.

Public portion closes at 8:15pm

Planning board needs to come up with the definition of a coffee house. And also assembly (what does that mean) w/i commercial district? Live music??  
Some suggestions- No amplifiers on the instruments. Piped in music not live, surrounding residents be involved in what type of music. What-ever is decided this will be carried through all commercial area, not just Dorset Ave.

Next month meeting to be under discussion:

Outdoor seating- private property

Lighting

Draft letter in regards to the music

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Mayor Bagnell and seconded by John Santoro.  
All were in favor.

