

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 20, 2011**

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session Monday, June 20, 2011 at Gladwin City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman David followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners David, Alward, Darlington, Stout, Beyer, Clayton, Foor and Hindman.

Absent: Commissioner Witkowski.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Weaver, Richard Strohkirch, Richard Beadle, and Mark Greer.

Motion by Commissioner Darlington, supported by Commissioner Foor to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2011 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Alward, supported by Hindman to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Regular meeting recessed and public hearing opened at 2:01 p.m.

Zoning Administrator Weaver read proposed language for possible zoning ordinance revisions regarding wall signs. No written comments were received. Mark Greer presented information regarding LED signs and his wish that such devices were allowed in color in the C-1 District and in keeping with the size requirements for non-LED signs. Regulations in other communities were discussed. Mr. Greer wanted to impart that these signs were the future of advertising and he agrees that the exposed walls should be allowed to have advertising especially in the downtown district as the trees block the signs and windows.

Richard Beadle added that his two signs are non-intrusive and noted that corner buildings are more desirable because of the additional exposure. He also feels that murals should be allowed on buildings.

Richard Strohkirch noted that sizes could be monitored (for LED's and all other additional signs) at "no more than 50% coverage of a wall, etc."

Much discussion by the commissioners as to alternatives as pertain to allowable square footage, existing effective examples, etc.

Motion by Commissioner Alward, supported by Commissioner Darlington to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Public hearing closed and regular meeting re-convened at 2:40 p.m.

The Commission deliberated at length as to proposed changes. Motion by Commissioner Clayton, supported by Commissioner Alward to recommend the following changes be forwarded to the Gladwin City Council for the first reading of possible ordinance amendment: (See attached amendment). All ayes. Motion carried.

Richard Strohkirch appeared before the board to present his proposal to remove / replace two signs on the front (west side) of the building with one on the south entrance wall for Ace Hardware. He is actually reducing the non-conforming number of signs with this action. Motion by Commissioner Beyer, supported by Commissioner Darlington to allow the proposal as presented pursuant to Article VI, Section 602, #13 of the Gladwin City Zoning Ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator gave updates as to ongoing enforcement matters. It was the consensus of the board that the city attorney pursue send letters to planning consultants retained by the city and also pursue the continuing non-conforming situation at the Gladwin Motor Inn.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, supported by Commissioner Alward to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Jill Witkowski, Secretary