

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
Work Session
Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Mr. Treffinger called the work session to order at 7:30 P. M.

Attendance: Mr. James Treffinger, Chairman; Mr. Charles Graham; Ms. Heidi Miller; Mr. Jack Gramann. Absent: Mrs. Laverne Stebbins; Mrs. Martha Sheley; Mr. Paul Clark. Also present: Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, Planner; Mr. Steve Feverston, City Planner.

Mr. Shrimplin distributed a summary of the current sign regulations for the Architectural Preservation District (APD) and a concept of a reproducible sign color chart to be made available to business owners in the APD.

Mr. Shrimplin stated that an issue was discussed at the last work session concerning regulation of signs within buildings. When the City Attorney, Robert N. Farquhar, was contacted regarding this issue, he indicated that no City in the State of Ohio is currently regulating these types of signs. Staff recommended based on the information from Mr. Farquhar, that regulation should not be adopted. The neon signs being used inside buildings seems to add some brightness to the APD.

Ms. Miller stated that if the image of the APD is to present itself to the historic time, neon signage should not be used.

Mr. Feverston stated that the APD is more of a design review district and does not have a specific time period.

Mr. Shrimplin asked if sign lighting and landscaping should be regulated, and if so, should it be regulated by ordinance or policy.

Mr. Feverston stated if the BAR is not satisfied with the existing ground-mounted lighting fixtures that have been used in the APD, language needs to be put into the ordinance to add standards as to what type lighting should be required and what type of screening should be required to screen those fixtures.

The BAR agreed ground-mounted lighting is acceptable, however, requirements for types of fixtures and landscaping need to be strengthened. Those standards could be adopted by ordinance and/or placed in the Design Review Criteria.

The members felt a brochure should be made to address lighting, landscaping, maintenance, etc., requirements that could be given to individual business owners as well as a reproduced sign color chart. It was determined an applicant requesting sign review should submit a lighting and landscaping plan as part of the overall package.

Ms. Miller stated a reproducible sign color chart should be fairly easy to produce with the range of colors selected by the BAR incorporated into that chart stating the process is very accurate and would be consistent. Sign shapes could be included in the brochure, as well, to give direction to sign makers as to what is desirable.

Mr. Shrimplin stated the range of color may be more limited for one color than others.

Ms. Miller stated she would collect color ranges in some type of chart form to be reviewed by the members at their next work session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James L. Tuffinger - Chairman