

FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD - Minutes

The Farragut Visual Resources Review Board met on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in the Board Room at the Farragut Town Hall. Marty Layman presided. Members in attendance were Duane Winkler, Linda Johnson, Marty Layman, Jeanie Stow, Cindy Hollyfield, Jerry Benton, and Brittany Moore.

New Members:

Chairman Layman and staff welcomed two new board members: Jerry Benton and Brittany Moore.

1. Election of Officers:

The staff introduced this item and asked that each officer be voted on separately. For the office of Chairman, a motion was made by Hollyfield to re-appoint Marty Layman. Motion was seconded by Stow and motion passed unanimously. For the office of Vice-Chairman, a motion was made by Hollyfield to nominate Duane Winkler. Motion was seconded by Stow and motion passed unanimously. For the office of Secretary, a motion was made by Stow to nominate Cindy Hollyfield. Motion was seconded by Johnson and motion passed unanimously.

2. Minutes:

The June 25, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Ground Mounted Sign Applications:

- a) **AccuQuest Hearing** – 11121 Kingston Pike, Suite B
Tenant panel lettering on existing ground mounted sign

The staff reviewed this item and recommended approval. A motion was made by Hollyfield to follow staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Winkler and motion passed unanimously.

- b) **Echelon Bicycles** – 138 West End Avenue
Tenant panel lettering on existing West End Center pylon sign

The staff reviewed this item and recommended approval. A motion was made by Stow to follow staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Benton and motion passed unanimously.

- c) **Movement Mortgage** – 11826 Kingston Pike
Tenant panel lettering on existing ground mounted sign

The staff reviewed this item and recommended approval. A motion was made by Layman to follow staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Hollyfield and motion passed unanimously.

- d) **Koko Fit Club** – 153 Brooklawn Street
Tenant panel lettering on existing ground mounted sign

The staff reviewed this item and recommended approval. A motion was made by Winkler to follow staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Benton and motion passed unanimously.

- e) **Split Rail Farm Subdivision**
25 square foot externally illuminated subdivision entrance sign

The staff reviewed this item and recommended approval subject to the following:

- 1) That, prior to installation, a final plat be submitted to verify the location of lot lines in order to ensure that setbacks will be met and that the proposed sign is not within any drainage or utility easements. The final plat will also need to establish a sign easement within which the sign will be located; and
- 2) That a detail of the proposed external lighting be submitted to Town staff for review and approval.

Matt Varney was present as the applicant. A general discussion ensued. Some questions were asked regarding the size of certain trees specified on the plan, namely the Norway spruce, and making sure that, at maturity, this tree and any other proposed plant material, rock, etc., would not create either undesirable maintenance or visibility issues.

A motion was made by Layman to approve the sign subject to the staff's recommendation and to the placement of the plant material, rocks, etc., being coordinated with Town staff to ensure that there would be no maintenance issues or visibility obstructions. Motion was seconded by Stow and motion passed unanimously.

4. Landscape Plans:

- a) **Cracker Barrel Restaurant** – 716 N. Campbell Station Road

The staff reviewed this item and noted that Cracker Barrel is re-vamping the landscaping around their building in association with some modifications they are making to the parking lot. The staff recommended approval but did indicate that it would be optimal as part of this project to replace the Bradford pears with desirable shade trees that would be appropriate for the location. Some species mentioned were Allee elm, winter king hawthorn, and forest pansy redbud.

Board members agreed that the Bradford pears were mostly in poor condition and in need of being replaced. A motion was made by Layman to approve the landscape plan with the

recommendation that the Bradford pears, especially those in poor condition, be replaced with parking lot appropriate shade trees in consultation with Town staff. Motion was seconded by Hollyfield. Motion passed unanimously.