

Village of Clarksville
Planning Commission Minutes
May 21, 2015

A regular monthly meeting of the Clarksville Planning Commission was held on May 21, 2015, at the Clarksville Village Hall. Secretary Jordan Burnie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Planning Commissioners present - Vice Chair Nicole Nordhof, Jordan Burnie, Rick Culp, Brian Reser, Diane Sheldon, and Ex Officio Robbie Mutschler. Absent - Chairperson Robert Blocher.

Jami Manszewski and Joyce Callihan were present to discuss minutes from a meeting between Clarksville business owners. The meeting was held to discuss further collaboration with the Village. Some highlights and ideas include:

- Advertising Clarksville businesses on the Village website and Facebook page
- Creating care packages that would be distributed to new residents in the Village
- Look into the feasibility of signage along I-96 and M-50 to advertise Clarksville

Public Hearing – Special Use Permit, Florence Sheldon: possess 4-6 dogs at residence 194 E Nash Ave.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Kurt Guild objected to the issuance of the permit. He believes that the dogs are a nuisance due to their barking and aggressive behavior. Kurt stated that while the dogs are always contained, the behavior displayed is frightening to others (grandchildren, newspaper deliverer). He also stated that this could set a precedence and the possibility exists for 42 dogs to be owned by all his neighbors surrounding his property.

Judith Transue spoke in support of the permit. She believes that Florence's dogs are well behaved. She also stated that even one dog can be as loud as four.

Bonnie Main reiterated that one dog can be as loud as four.

The floor was closed for public comment and Planning Commission discussed the permit. Diane Sheldon abstained from discussion and voting due to Florence being her daughter. Planning Commission felt that Florence's dogs were contained properly and that any loud barking would be covered by the nuisance ordinance. They discussed the fact that a special use permit stays with the parcel not the owner and felt the need to add conditions for approval.

Jordan made a motion to approve the special use permit with the following conditions of approval. The permit will be subject to an annual review and may be subject to revocation due to unabated nuisance and/or dog ordinance violations. Brian seconded. Upon roll call vote, all voted "aye". Abstain – Diane. Absent – Robert. Motion passed.

Robbie provided a report from Council:

- Sidewalk construction is on hold for the moment. \$80,000 is budgeted for future work. Further discussion regarding sidewalks will be made at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission recommends that Professional Planner, Tim Johnson, be contracted to help revise multiple sections of the Zoning Ordinance, including parking, along with several non-codified ordinances (ex. Land Division, Subdivision Control).

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held May 21, 2015.
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.