



LAWRENCE SIGN CODE BOARD OF APPEALS  
MINUTES FOR **OCTOBER 4, 2018**

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Members present: Clark, Gascon, Harrod, Shipley, Wilbur, Wisner  
Staff present: Dolar, Miller, Mortensen, Smalter, Weik

**ITEM NO. 1:**            **MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes from the July 5, 2018 meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Wisner, seconded by Wilbur, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-1, Harrod abstained.

Motioned by Wisner, seconded by Wilbur, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-1, Harrod abstained.

Motioned by Wilbur, seconded by Shipley, to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0-2, Harrod and Clark abstained.

**ITEM NO. 2:**            **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to come before the Board.

There were no ex parte contacts and/or abstentions from the discussion or vote.

There were no agenda items deferred.

**ITEM NO. 3:**            **WALL SIGN VARIANCE FOR KAW VALLEY CROSSFIT; 5150 CLINTON PARKWAY**

**SV-18-00437:** A request for a variance as provided in Section 5-1828 of the Sign Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2018 edition. The request is for a variance from the requirements of Section 5-1818.2 (b) of the Sign Code for Permanent Wall Signs in the RM12 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District. The applicant is seeking to be considered for CS zoning district parameters. The property is located at 5150 Clinton Parkway. Submitted by Kaw Valley CrossFit on behalf of Superior Property LLC, property owner of record.

**APPLICANT PRESENTATION**

Smalter presented the item.

Shipley said the current sign code was adopted in 2017.

Smalter said correct.

Shipley asked if the variance approved on the other side as referenced by staff was approved under the old code.

Smalter said it was approved under the current code by way of the 5% wall area criteria.

Clark asked what would be the 5% surface area of the south wall of the proposed.

Smalter said the building (wall?) is 1,740 square feet.

### **APPLICANT PRESENTATION**

The applicant was present but had nothing to add.

**No public comment.**

### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Harrod, seconded by Wilbur, to close public comment for the item.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Shipley said the number of businesses at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Wakarusa Drive that are set back from the street and have significantly smaller signs was a concern for her, noting that 6<sup>th</sup> Street is also an arterial street.

Harrod said 6<sup>th</sup> Street traffic does not move as fast as Clinton Parkway.

Gascon said that Clinton Parkway is also significantly different due to its lack of curb cuts.

Wisner asked what specific signs Shipley is referring to at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Wakarusa Drive.

Shipley said that the sign for Blue Moose is nearly invisible from the road, as well as Spin Pizza and other adjacent businesses. She said that the purpose of the new sign code was to tone down signage and bring it into some sort of uniformity. She said it appeared as though other businesses are adhering to those regulations.

Harrod said Clinton Parkway is designed to flow at a high rate of speed with no curb cuts. He agreed with the staff report that due to their setback from the road and speed on Clinton Parkway an insignificant sign would not be seen.

Wisner added that Blue Moose and Spin Pizza also don't front the street. This property fronts Clinton Parkway and is set back very far from the street.

Gascon said the intent of the new sign code was not to reduce signage but was in part to simplify the code for those making application and to reduce the number of variances that are required. He compared this request to a similar one for Menard's.

### **ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Wisner, seconded by Wilbur, to approve the variance as recommended in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

**ITEM NO. 4: MISCELLANEOUS**

- a) There was no other business to come before the Board.

Motioned by Wilbur, seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 10:00 PM**