

CITY OF DEADWOOD

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

August 21, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Deadwood Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jim Shedd on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Deadwood City Hall Meeting Room located at 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD 57732.

PRESENT PLANNING & ZONING: Jim Shedd, Marie Farrier, Mark Speirs, Mel Allen and Sheree Green.

ABSENT PLANNING & ZONING: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Speirs and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2013 Meeting. Aye - All. Motion carried.

SIGNS:

Deadwood Old West Trading Post - 618 Main Street - Request for a projecting sign.

Mr. Keith Umenthum stated that the applicant is requesting a projecting sign to replace the existing "Historic Green Door Club" sign which had a variance from section 15.32.3000 C-1-b.

It was moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the proposed projecting sign for Deadwood Old West Trading Post at 618 Main Street with the contingency that it must be reduced to six feet in length. Aye - All. Motion carried.

Excell Deadwood, LLC - 124 Sherman Street - Request for one wall sign and one free standing sign.

1. One (1) wall sign and one (1) free standing sign.

Mr. Umenthum stated that the applicant is requesting one (1) wall sign to be located at 124 Sherman Street. He stated the sign would be 75 square feet. Mr. Umenthum said the applicant would need a variance of 25 square feet above the allowable 50 square feet for a total of 75 square feet; a variance of 4'3" for the vertical height dimension of the all sign for a total height of 6'3;"and a variance to have the sign internally illuminated. Mr. Umenthum said he did not recommend granting a variance for the signs to be internally illuminated as it is not necessary for them to "provide for good visual communication to the public" as stated in section 15.32.030. Mr. Umenthum said that although not requested by the applicant, a variance to allow polycarbonate plastic sign faces to allow the illumination of the sign would be required. The applicant is also requesting one (1) freestanding sign.

It was moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Green to deny the application for one (1) wall sign with variances for Excell Deadwood, LLC at 124 Sherman Street. Aye - All. Motion carried.

2. One (1) free standing sign.

Mr. Umenthum stated that the applicant is requesting one (1) freestanding sign to be located at 124 Sherman Street. He said the free standing sign is 50 square feet. Mr. Umenthum said the applicant would need a variance of 40 square feet from the allowable 10 square feet for a total of 50 square feet. A variance to have the sign internally illuminated would also be required. Mr. Umenthum again noted that although not requested by the applicant, a variance to allow polycarbonate plastic sign faces to allow the illumination of the sign would be required. He said the store is proposed for the "Blondie's" building, which is in the Deadwood Historic Landmark District and is therefore held to a higher standard in respect to signage. The sign area, type, and quantity of signage allowed is found in section 15.32.300.

It was moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Green to deny the application for one (1) free standing sign with variances for Excell Deadwood, LLC at 124 Sherman Street. Aye - All. Motion carried.

3. First Gold Hotel (Mike Gustafson)- 270 Main Street- Request for a flag wall sign.

Mr. Umenthum stated that the applicant has applied for a permit to display a 15' x 25' flag of the United States of America on the north side of their building from July through September. He said the sign ordinance allows 4'x 6' flags, one flag per 25' of building frontage to be flown without a permit. Mr. Umenthum said that according to ordinance, larger flags are to be considered signs and require a sign permit. He also said that at 375 square feet, this is by far the largest sign in Deadwood. Mr. Gustafson said he was given permission by the City Commission to have the flag up during the Rally Week. Mr. Speirs noted that no one from the City Commission is present at the meeting. Mr. Umenthum provided the commission with a similar request from the May 2003 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. He also noted that if denied, Mr. Gustafson would need to go to circuit court to appeal the decision.

It was moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Farrier to deny the application for one (1) flag wall sign with variances for First Gold Hotel at 270 Main Street. Aye - All. Motion carried.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ms. Farrier and seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Aye - All. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Planning & Zoning Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mr. Jim Shedd
Chairman
Planning and Zoning

Ms. Sheree Green
Secretary
Planning and Zoning