

**SITE PLAN AND APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPAARC)
MEETING NOTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

Attendees:

Members Present: D. Argumedo, W. Hallen, J. Nelson, J. Cory, M. Rons

Citizen Member: None

Staff Present: See Above

Presiding Member: W. Hallen

A quorum being present, Chair Hallen called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Projects Reviewed:

As Chair Hallen was to present, J. Nelson was elected acting SPAARC Chair.

SPAARC 737 Chicago Avenue Recommendation to Sign Review Board
Request for relief to install signs as proposed

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY: Walter Hallen, Staff

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hallen presented plans for signs at the proposed AMLI Project. The following was discussed:

- Variances requested:
 - Requesting wall sign of height of 18', which is higher than 15' 6" allowed
 - Requesting perpendicular 'blade signs' which are not allowed in the code
 - Requesting a three-sided wall sign, which are not allowed in the code
- Mr. Hallen outlined the extent of new signs proposed for the entire length of the AMLI project
 - Details included the locations and reasons for the 'blade' signs, to identify live-work units, and the three-sided sign, to identify the building
 - Mr. Hallen noted that the proposed signs would not overshadow the project as other proposed variances had caused, and that no opposition had arisen from the neighborhood.
- Staff inquired as to the size of the blade signs, which Mr. Hallen addressed. Staff also inquired as to the regulation of Blade Signs. Mr. Hallen noted the City had engendered a review of blade signs to see if they should be allowed by-right.
- Staff inquired about the purpose of the three sided blade sign, Mr. Hallen again clarified that the sign would be for building identification purposes.
- Mr. Argumedo motioned for approval, Mr. Cory seconded the motion

Action:

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the variance to the Sign Review Board.

Other Business:

The Committee voted unanimously to table the meeting notes of the August 31, 2011 meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

The next SPAARC meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14th, 2011 unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted,
Dominick Argumedo