

**MINUTES  
LOUISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MARCH 14, 2023**

Louisville Planning Commission met in regular session with Chairman Casar presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Casar.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Schumacher  
Daniel Casar  
Bill Croxton  
William Jeffries  
John Phillippi

**CITY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Joanie Aljancic, Council Member  
Magan Denzer, Deputy City Clerk  
Kaitlyn Carpenter, Administrative Assistant  
Tiffany Justice, City Clerk

The Certificate of Open Meeting was presented.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MEETING**

Chairman Casar declared the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Chairman Casar swore in those in attendance planning to speak before the commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PC 23-03 ADAMS SIGNS, APPLICANT, FOR PARADISE CHURCH, 619 E MAIN ST, HAS APPLIED FOR A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD SIGN IN A PARK, GOVERNMENTAL AND MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT (PGMI).

**ZONING & BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- Paradise Church is replacing an existing low-profile sign with an electronic message board (EMB) sign.
- The property was rezoned to a PGMI district in 2017, which permits EMB signage. (Section 1160.11 Permanent Signs).

- Section 1160.08 (b) states that all electronic message board signs: “shall require conditional use review in order to address safety, aesthetic, and potential nuisance issues.”
- The proposed EMB also requires review and approval by the Design Review Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness and the Board of Zoning Appeals for a height variance.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the conditional use permit be approved upon Design Review and Board of Zoning Appeals approvals.

Deputy Clerk Denzer advised commission members the Design Review Board and Board of Zoning Appeals both approved the proposed EMB sign.

Member Jeffries discussed the sight line with exiting cross street to the west. Member Casar commented that the proposed sign would be in same location as existing sign.

Member Schumacher inquired if the sign would be on in evening and nighttime hours. Allen Gress, a church member representing the congregation, explained if the sign was lighted all night, it would diminish the lighted bell tower that sits less than 30 feet away. In his eyes, he sees no reason to have it lit all night, but church members would need to discuss further.

Member Phillippi questioned if commission members could put a “condition” on the time period the EMB portion of sign could be lit, and Deputy Clerk Denzer replied that they could. Mr. Gress rebutted that the sign could also be used for displaying community on goings and special occasions, such as a basketball championship or Constitution Day activities.

Member Croxton believed a time constraint should come from a city ordinance and not something the Planning Commission board stipulates. Commission has passed other EMB signs with no time constraints and it would be unfair to start by singling out this project.

MEMBER JEFFRIES MOVED, MEMBER CASAR SECONDED, and the Motion carried to approve the EMB sign for conditional use as submitted. The vote: all yea.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Magan Denzer  
Deputy City Clerk