

Landmark Commission
February 20th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4PM. The following members were present: Mr. Jon Lawrence, Chairman Michael Zuilhof, Mr. Joe Galea, Ms. Llyod, and Dr. Tim Berkey. Mr. Greg Voltz, Angela Byington, and Mr. Horsman represented the Planning Department; Mr. Trevor Hayberger represented the Law Department; and Casey Sparks, Clerk. There were 5 voting members present.

Mr. Lawrence moved to approve the minutes from January 16th, 2019; Dr. Berkey seconded the motion.

Mr. Horsman stated that the proposed amendment to Chapter 1161 of the Planning and Zoning Code were presented to the Landmark Commission and Planning Commission last month. The Landmark Commission shall approve the changes and then they will be formally approved by Planning Commission.

Mr. Horsman stated the changes to be discussed at the meeting included the feedback given by the Commission at the last meeting. The topics included changing the name of the design guidelines as well as the patio fencing requirements. Mr. Horsman gave examples of the fencing which would be in line with the proposed guidelines. Mr. Horsman discussed the proposed height and location requirements for the fencing. The third topic was in regards to the strength of the barriers and materials. Mr. Horsman stated that in his research they did not find any regulations that include the strength of material. Staff also spoke with the building department they have stated they do not inspect fencing.

Dr. Berkey ask about the requirements for the width between the horizontal and vertical fencing, do we have anything that covers this issue to be mindful of child safety.

Mr. Horsman stated that this was not something he had come across in other examples.

Ms. Byington stated that they could look at this, however the majority of the fences are prefabricated.

Mr. Galea stated that the issue that Dr. Berkey brought up may already addressed in the building code. Mr. Galea stated that he would proposed language that would state a specific weight or anchor to the sidewalk, or indicate that they do not want it to be anchored to the sidewalk.

Mr. Horsman discussed the proposed language and stated that specific weight could be added as well as language stating that it needs to appropriately anchored.

Ms. Lloyd ask if the patio fencing used to only be allowed seasonally.

Mr. Zuilhof stated that it was not previously permitted, the applicants were told that they could not drill in sidewalk, it progressed and engineering continued to approve these.

Ms. Lloyd stated that snow removal is something that they need to think about. Ms. Llyod ask if this was just for ground level.

Mr. Horsman stated that the intent is just for sidewalk; perhaps adding ground level, commercial outdoor dining on alleys and on private property would be necessary.

Ms. Byington stated that the elevated patios would have to be looked at differently, it may require an easement.

Mr. Zuilhof stated he is concerned about wind and how it effect the fencing, he would like to know what committee will review the technical specifications if it is not the design review committee.

Ms. Byington stated that they have had discussions internally with the building department, they have stated that they will not be regulating anything regarding the technical capabilities of the fencing.

Mr. Zuilhof ask how many cities require seasonal fencing to be removed.

Mr. Horsman stated that it is a sizeable number, generally half of them require them to remove.

Mr. Zuilhof ask how staff will address ones that are currently non-compliant

Ms. Byington stated that generally this is done through the legislative proces through the zoning code, this is not being done through the zoning code. They will discuss this with the law director.

Matthew Bedee, 8316 mason Road, stated that he is an architect within the area. Mr. Bedee discussed ADA requirements as it references the spacing and openings for the sidewalk and fencing. Mr. Bedee ask if these fences be considered guardrails, the Ohio Building Code does reference spacing for guardrails and the strength of the material as it would need support 50lbs leaning against it. The architect further discussed the standards for guardrails.

Ms. Byington stated that if we consider these guardrail much of this information would be in manufacturing specs. This would be something that the building department would need to weigh in on.

Mr. Voltz stated that we would need to determine if we want something drilled into the sidewalk along Shoreline Drive.

Mr. Zuilhof stated that Daily's did a great job as it is steel, it is in a public place that is appropriate, and it does not crowd the sidewalk.

Ms. Lloyd stated that most of the buildings on Shoreline drive will be looking to extended balconies. If we are going to grandfather items in, it will be important to look into bicentennial vision plan for Columbus Ave as we would like them to be consistent.

Matthew Bedee discussed the egress from the eating areas and the building code requirements.

Ms. Byington stated we will confirm what our fire department reviews but many cities fire departments review this area.

Mr. Zuilhof stated that he is not inclined to endorse this legislations the way it is, staff should continue to work on it.

Mr. Galea moved to return the agenda back to staff for incorporation of today's feedback; Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion.

Mr. Horsman ask the Commission if they could be specific in regards to design review guidelines what they would like to see in the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Horsman stated if he is understanding the Commission they would like to see the spacing addressed from a child safety perspective, the height and weight the fence can withhold, the wind load as it pertains to being attached properly, and differentiate railings from sidewalk fencing.

Mr. Zuilhof stated that they should reference the Ohio Building Code in regards to these issues.

Mr. Voltz stated that if you reference the Ohio Building Code you may also have to look at additional items such as footers, etc.

Ms. Lloyd suggested that the guidelines state it would be stable enough to withstand the elements, also suggest weight requirements.

Ms. Byington stated the design review committee will concentrate on the appearance of the fencing.

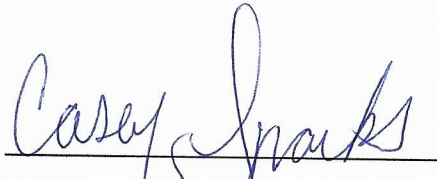
Mr. Zuilhof stated that they also need to concentrate on the durability.

The committee and staff discussed the width of the current sidewalks and how this could affect the proposed guidelines.

Ms. Byington stated that she would like to consider the previous discussion of making these fences temporary versus permanent. If businesses only want to do temporary we will review this way.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Galea seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.


Casey Sparks, Clerk
Michael Zuilhof, Chairman