

**BOROUGH OF MEDIA  
MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2001**

The Media Borough Planning Commission met on the above date with the following individuals present: Vice-Chairperson Bill Payne, Don Bak, Peter Williamson, Chris Pavlou, and Tina Mason. Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery, Engineer Walton, Assistant Solicitor Middlebrooks, Vice-President Robinson and Secretary Higgins. Gordon Grimditch and Steve Moss were absent from the meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Payne called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Peter Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting of November 7, 2001. Tina Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sign Permits**

**Studio Di Estetica – 415 E. Baltimore Ave.**

Tressa Valtri (owner) and Bess Breeden (owner) are proposing two signs for their studio at 415 E. Baltimore Ave. Their first request is to place a 2' X 8' wall sign on the front façade of the building. The second sign is a panel sign to add to the existing freestanding sign located at the Southwest corner of the property. Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery mentioned that there is no square footage available on the freestanding sign and suggested approval when space becomes available. Peter Williamson motioned to approve with the recommendation that the background color be white, Owners agreed and was seconded by Don Bak. Motion carried unanimously.

**Donahue & Bradley – 13 W. Third Street**

Hugh Donahue (owner), representing Donahue & Bradley wishes to erect a sign on the railing of his porch reflecting the firm's identity with gold letters in a black background with a ground light to shine on the sign. The Commission asked Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery for input on regulations regarding signs posted on man-made features. Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery replied that it is prohibited. The Commission asked Mr. Donahue to amend his application to reflect that the sign would be posted on a pole at relatively the same area of the property. Mr. Donahue amended his application. Don Bak made a motion to approve the application as amended; seconded by Tina Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Sub-division & Land Development**

### **Townhouses/Skywater Properties – 100 N. Providence Road**

Robert Ewing (attorney) and George Palumbo (equitable owner) have previously been in front of the Commission for recommendation to Borough Council for approval of a special exception and a few variances. They previously were in front of the Zoning Hearing Board and received the requested relief.

Mr. Ewing stated that this plan includes all Engineer Walton's recommendations and is submitting this plan for final land development. Peter Williamson requested that they change curbing to treated wood in order to try to save the old oak tree in the rear of the property and also to write a letter to the Trustee of the Lewis Property to further request a 5ft buffer to be placed on property line. Don Bak requested that the driveway entrance be widened to assist in the safety of other drivers on Haldeman St and Engineer Walton revised his memo condition #6 to read 18" piping instead of 15" piping. Tina Mason motioned to approve application with the condition that all recommendations be considered; seconded by Don Bak. Motion carried unanimously.

### **District Court – 347-349 E. Baltimore Ave.**

Gene Jarrell (attorney) presented a revised plan which eliminates the addition to the side yard and expands the portion that fronts on Baltimore Ave. Tina Mason asked Solicitor Middlebrook for clarification about the issue of a reverse subdivision. Solicitor Middlebrook explained that it isn't required but still should be done by Valdig Investors (owner). Peter motioned to approve application as submitted with the condition that the owners submit an application for a reverse sub-division; seconded by Chris Pavlou. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Sketch Plans**

### **Limburg/McKee – 440 W. Baltimore Ave.**

Vice-Chairperson Payne asked if there were any representatives in the audience to present the proposed sketch plan. There was no representative from Limburg/McKee. Due to no representative available to present the application, Vice-Chairperson Payne tabled the matter until a later meeting.

## **Review of Application**

### **Voicestream (Omnipoint) – 201 W. Front Street (Courthouse)**

Mike George (Courthouse) and George Asimos representing Voicestream Wireless presented their case concerning the antennas currently erected on top of 201 W. Front Street. Peter Williamson inquired about the amount of coverage that would be affected if those antennas were to be removed. Voicestream technician replied that the inside coverage would be greatly impacted but outside coverage shouldn't be affected due to the coverage provided by the antennas on the water towers. After extensive discussion Peter Williamson motioned that based on section 311-78 (c) (1) (a) (b) when application is submitted to Borough Council they not oppose; seconded by Don Bak. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Closing Discussion**

Vice-Chairperson Payne announced that this was Don Bak's last Commission meeting and thanked him for his dedicated service over a number of years. He also mentioned that the next Commission meeting would be January 8, 2002.

## **Adjournment**

Don Bak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.; seconded by Peter Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Tara Lynn Higgins  
Administrative Secretary