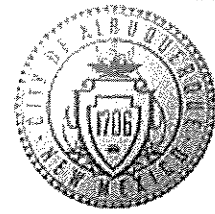


CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
SMALL BUSINESS
REGULATORY ADVISORY COMMISSION



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MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2011

ATTENDEES:
Alex Romero
Don Kaufman
Larry Garcia
Scott Throckmorton

STAFF:
Cheryl Rein-Borunda
Donna Griffin
Margaret Garcia
GUEST:
Kelly

- I.** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Romero at 7:40 AM
- II.** The October Agenda was submitted for approval
- As an addition to the Agenda, Cheryl Rein-Borunda proposed the Commission consider a change to the date they meet to be in front of the City Council meetings verses after the Monday meetings. Commissioner Throckmorton supported the proposal. Chairman Romero proposed he and Cheryl get together and review this and come back to the Commission for further discussion on the proposal at a later date.

- III.** The September minutes were reviewed and Chairman Romero requested motion for approval:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GARCIA
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THROCKMORTON
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- IV.** Electronic Signage Legislation
- Cheryl acknowledged Donna Griffin's work on the comprehensive comparison chart provided the Commission on the current Sign Regulations, Proposed New Ordinance and Possible Floor Amendments.
 - It was noted that the Proposed New Ordinance passed City Council at the meeting the night before, Monday October 17.
 - The Commission discussed the legislation and its affect on small business.
 - Donna Griffin was able to provide information on whether electronic signs are considered illuminated.
 - The Commission decided not to send a recommendation for veto to the Mayor, although the discussion generally did not favor the new legislation.

V. Proposed New Fire Code Legislation

- Cheryl advised Commissioners that the Fire Department is proposing new legislation to adopt a Fire Code based on the minimum requirement of the National Model Codes: along with local amendments bundled into a single ordinance.
- Alex Romero advised he, Cheryl and Donna met with Victor Marquez, Division Chief Fire Marshal and Andrew Chavez, Fire Captain, Fire Department, the authors of the proposed legislation on October 13 to review the proposed legislation. The authors are retiring from the City at the end of the year and had hoped to present this legislation to City Council prior to their retirement.
- The general outcome of the meeting was that there was not sufficient information regarding the current legislation to compare the proposed changes.
- Commissioner Kaufman stated that he also met with the Fire Department and discussed some of the changes proposed by the new legislation.
- General discussion on the legislation focused on the sprinkler requirement, fire watch requirement and costs for small business associated with the new proposed legislation.
- It was decided to invite the Fire Department to the November meeting to discuss current practice, proposed new legislation and the reasoning behind the stricter requirements.
- It was also decided to invite Small Business Representatives from the community to the December meeting to discuss their concerns.
- It was decided that the Commission would not weigh in on the legislation until they had time to hear from both sides.

VI. Chairman Romero adjourned the meeting at 09:20AM