

**COLUMBUS-STILLWATER COUNTY  
CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Stillwater County West Annex Planning Department, 431 Quarry Rd**

**Members Present:** Heidi Stadel (President), Ron Barndt, Rodney Fink, Ric Hanson, Dennis Holten, Webb Mandeville, and Don Parks.

**Members Not Present:** Jeanne Kienitz (Vice President) and Joe Cross

**Staff Present:** April Limburg

**Guests:** Martin and Jenny Cheff and Rick Hanners, Stillwater County News

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Heidi Stadel (President) called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**A. Public Comments.** Ron Barndt verbally resigned from the Board as he will no longer be a Town of Columbus resident as of August 27, 2015.

**B. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and Ex Parte Communications.** Ric advised the Board, he will not par take in the discussion or vote on the zone change as his daughter and son-in-law were the ones requesting the zone change.

**II. MINUTES**

Ric made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting. Ron seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Hearing – Zone Change Request**

a. **Open Public Hearing:** President Heidi Stadel opened the public hearing for the City-County Planning Board in regards to requesting a zoning change for 905 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N. (See City-County Planning Board File in the Planning Office)

b. **Presentation:** Jenny and Martin Cheff addressed the Board of their plans and why they requested a zone change. They currently operate Atomic Sign and Design. They have outgrown their current space and would like to expand. They have proposed a 90x40 ft building with two additional offices to be rented out to a professional business. There will be a privacy fence and no windows on the back of the building to maintain privacy. (There is a drawing of the building in the City-County Planning Board File in the Planning Office)

c. **Public Comment:** No public comments.

d. **Closed Public Hearing:** With no further comments President Heidi Stadel closed the public hearing.

e. **Board Discussion.** President Stadel read a letter from an adjacent property

owner opposing the zone change. (See City-County Planning Board File in Planning Office) Martin addressed the letter and the Board discussed items of concern. The Board also discussed in 2004 when the original zoning was put into place there was a residential home on the lot causing it to not be zone Highway Commercial.

f. **Recommendation to Town:** Don made a recommendation to the Town of Columbus approve the zone change from RMH (Residential Manufactured Homes) to HC (Highway Commercial). Webb seconded; with motion carried. Ric and Dennis abstained from voting

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business discussed at this time.

**V. ADJOURN**

With no more business, Don made the motion to adjourn. Ron seconded; with all in favor motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2015 5:30p.m. at the Stillwater County West Annex.

April Limburg  
Administrative Support