

Commissioner Misselhorn stated that he will vote to approve begrudgingly because he is nervous about the rezoning to I1 for future development.

Commissioner Anderson seconds Commissioner Misselhorn's thoughts, and states that there should be some way to make this possible without industrial zoning.

Vice Chairperson Misselhorn read the findings of fact.

The motion was approved unanimously viva voce vote 6 to 0.

CASE NO. PZ 15-34

PUBLIC HEARING on the request of Exposition Gardens for approval of the Peace Brothers Motorcycle Rodeo Event to be held on August 22, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Exposition Gardens, located at 1601 W. Northmoor Road (14-17-100-001), Peoria, IL (Council District 4).

Senior Urban Planner Kimberly Smith, Community Development Department, read Case No. PZ 15-34 into the record and presented the request.

Commissioner Misselhorn asked if the arena was considered inside or outside.

Smith stated it is an outdoor covered arena.

Commissioner Unes asked if the fence that was built was the petitioners or the neighbors.

Smith answered that this was the petitioners and that the Zoning Administrator determined this met the condition of building a berm.

Petitioner Leslie Ceach, President of the Exposition Gardens stated that the event had been going on for 43 years and they were requesting to continue the event with no changes.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the event was inside or outside.

Ceach answered that it is under a roof but the building has no sides.

Motion:

Commissioner Unes made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Commissioner Durand.

The motion was approved unanimously viva voce vote 6 to 0.

CASE NO. PZ 15-F

PUBLIC HEARING on the request of the City of Peoria to amend Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code of the City of Peoria relating to murals on nonresidential structures in residentially zoned districts.

Senior Urban Planner Shannon Techie, Community Development Department, read Case No. PZ 15-F into the record and presented the request.

Commissioner Misselhorn asked for clarification on the difference between a mural and a sign.

Techie stated that staff has only made changes to the code to allow them on non-residential structures in residential districts, not the rules regarding murals. A Mural can be up to 30 ft high; there is no width limitation; they cannot have the business name, logo, etc., the mural then becomes a sign. This has come about due to residentially zoned lots in the East Bluff with non-residential uses and the interest from businesses to place a mural on those structures. Staff would like to have the opportunity to allow these locations to have murals while still protecting the residential nature of a neighborhood.

Commissioner Misselhorn asked if these murals would still be administratively reviewed.

Techie stated that they would.

Motion:

Commissioner Misselhorn made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Commissioner Unes.

The motion was approved unanimously viva voce vote 6 to 0.

CASE NO. PZ 15-G

PUBLIC HEARING on the request of the City of Peoria to amend Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, and Appendix C, the Land Development Code relating to Food Trucks and Carts.

Senior Urban Planner Leah Allison, Community Development Department, read Case No. PZ 15-G into the record and presented the request to allow food trucks to park on private property.

Chairperson Weisehan brought up the issue of these primarily cash run businesses paying sales tax.

Commissioner Misselhorn stated that there is nothing keeping any other primarily cash business from doing the same thing and that it would come down to personal honesty and ethical behavior by the business owner. He also asked if it was specifically unlawful to operate a food truck on private property currently.

Allison stated that it was, and that this would make it legal to do so.

Motion:

Commissioner Misselhorn made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

The motion was approved unanimously viva voce vote 6 to 0.