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**PLANNING, ZONING, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

Present: Committee members Dennis Sullivan, chair; and Duane Van Dyke.

Also present: Council President Dave Greenspan; Councilmembers Mike O'Donnell, Amy Havelka and Mark Getsay; Law Director Mike Maloney; Planning Director Jim Bedell; Property Maintenance Officer Jim Ward; and resident Janis Blevins.

The meeting convened at 7:45 p.m.

I. Discuss Ordinance No. 2022-111, enacting new subsection 1381.07(h) as to the growth and control of bamboo.

Property Maintenance Officer Ward gave some background on the issue of bamboo, specifically running bamboo which spreads by underground rhizomes, encroaching on neighboring properties and causing thousands of dollars of damage and remediation. The proposed ordinance defines maintenance and confinement thereof and when it could be declared a nuisance. Ms. Blevins explained the extensive steps she has taken to remove bamboo that has encroached on her yard from a neighbor's yard. Committee members discussed banning it altogether, but legally, containment is preferred. The consensus was to move forward with the legislation and consider further restrictions in the future after more research.

Councilmember Van Dyke moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to recommend to Council that Ordinance No. 2022-111 be adopted. Motion carried, 2 yeas, 0 nays.

II. Discuss conditional use permit application from Shaker Rocks, LLC, Annie Richman, for an indoor rock-climbing facility at 30816 Viking Parkway, parcel 211-04-011.

Planning Director Bedell explained this request, covering hours of operation, number of employees and climbers, parking, landscaping, screening, setbacks and building height. The applicants further explained that this would be a location for westside residents in addition to their existing location in Shaker Heights and that it would have some retail sales as well. Committee members and other Councilmembers present asked questions and were in favor of this request.

Councilmember Van Dyke moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to recommend to Council that legislation be drafted relative to this request. Motion carried, 2 yeas, 0 nays.

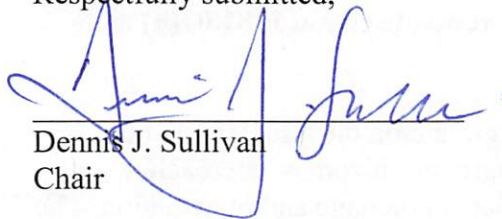
III. Discuss conditional use permit application from Horizon Line Development LLC, Ben Weinerman, for a contractor warehousing and maxi-storage establishment on Viking Parkway, parcel 211-02-015.

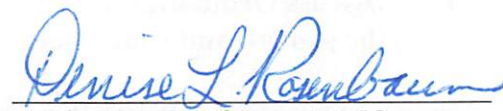
Planning Director Bedell explained that this request is proposed to be in two phases – phase 1 being a 14,322 sf building with a leasing office and phase 2 being one building at 30,000 sf and the second at 28,500 sf. He discussed hours of operation, security, types of storage and activities permitted and the lease language. Applicant Ben Weinerman further elaborated that it will be a gated location with 74 units, describing the utilities provided to each unit, fencing, lighting, 24/7 surveillance cameras, etc. Committee members and other Councilmembers present had questions on the type of tenants, management of the location, vandalism, number of employees and parking.

Councilmember Van Dyke moved, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, to recommend to Council that legislation be drafted relative to this request. Motion carried, 2 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Dennis J. Sullivan
Chair


Denise L. Rosenbaum, MMC
Clerk of Council