

Town of Griffith  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
August 27, 2014

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members Carl Kus, Ray Elbaor, Tom Wichlinski and Eddie Gonzalez. Absent was Town Attorney; Bob Schwerd, Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah and Building Commissioner; Donche Andonov.

The minutes of the July 23, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting were approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1 Medellin Art Company, LLC, by Damien Medellin re: 840 N. Elmer; requesting permission for a Public Hearing with respect to a Special Use to operate a Tattoo Studio.**

Mr. Damien Medellin appeared before the Board. Mr. Medellin stated he would like to add tattooing to his services at his current business. The Ordinance allows for only three tattoo shops in town and Mr. Medellin has been informed that one of the studios has closed their business. Mr. Medellin continued in stating his t-shirt shop/art studio has been in business since June of 2013. Mr. Mowery asked where the tattoo will be done. Mr. Medellin explained that there will be a separate room with two stations. Mr. Mowery asked what the square footage is of the business. Mr. Medellin stated the studio is 475 sq. ft. Mr. Medellin explained there aren't any chemical used for the t-shirt business everything is done by laser. Mr. Wichlinski asked if residential homes are across the street. Mr. Medellin stated that was correct, the business faces a duplex. Mr. Medellin stated he will not advertise for tattooing. Mr. Wichlinski stated the other tattoo shops in Town are not in residential areas. Mr. Wichlinski continued in stating that he would like clarification from the Town Attorney on the tattoo shop ordinance and if there is a moratorium in place. Mr. Elbaor asked if a picture of the front of the building was available. Mr. Medellin stated he did not have one with him. Mr. Mowery stated the residential location could possibly be an issue with the request. Mr. Gonzalez asked if there will be piercings done too. Mr. Medellin stated there will not. Mr. Gonzalez also asked what the primary business will be. Mr. Medellin stated the t-shirt shop will be the primary focus. Mr. Gonzalez asked what the business hours will be. Mr. Medellin stated he will not be changing his hours. His shop is open 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kus asked who will be doing the tattoos. Mr. Medellin stated he will tattoo along with one other artist. Mr. Elbaor asked if they will perform tattoo removal as well. Mr. Medellin stated they will not. Mr. Kus made a motion granting Medellin Art Company, LLC by Damien Medellin, regarding 840 N. Elmer permission to advertise for a Public Hearing to operate a Tattoo Shop seconded by Mr. Wichlinski. All favored, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**BILLS AND EXPENDITURES**

***Mr. Wichlinski made a motion*** to approve a claim for the July 23, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals minute preparation in the amount of \$35.00 ***seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. All favored, motion carried.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted

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Tom Wichlinski, Secretary

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Veronica L. Horka, Recording Secretary