

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DARIEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 11, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Joseph Marchese - Chairman, Alderman John Galan, Alderman Ted Schauer, Dan Gombac-Director, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Mayor Kathleen Weaver

Chairperson Marchese called the Municipal Services Committee Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

**MEETING:**

- A. PZC 2011-04: 7511 Lemont Road, Chestnut Court Shopping Center, Oakridge Hobbies: Petitioner seeks a variation from the Sign Code to permit a greater amount of wall signage than permitted by the Sign Code.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that the petitioner is seeking a variation from the Sign Code in a B-3 Retail Shopping Use.

Mr. Gombac noted the spreadsheet on page two of the Agenda Memo showing the existing sign compared to the JoAnn Fabrics sign. He referenced the storyboards from the petitioner showing the front and side facade.

Mr. Gombac referenced the memo in the Agenda Memo from Jeffrey A. Howard supporting the sign variance. He also stated that this request did not warrant a public hearing and that staff supports the sign variation. Mr. Gombac stated that Oakridge Hobbies is not a national tenant but a business which will capture clients. He stated that the PZC voted favorably 5-0 and that Mayor Kathleen Weaver presented public comment in support of the petition.

Alderman Galan questioned the tower color.

Mr. Gombac noted that the tower will be red and referenced the storyboard.

Alderman Schauer questioned if Inland was supporting this petition.

Mayor Kathleen Weaver stated that Inland was 100% supportive.

Alderman Schauer stated that the building looks beautiful. He stated that he hopes that this will draw in business.

Chairperson Marchese stated that he was extremely pleased with the outcome.

Mr. Gombac stated that the lighting was reviewed and is within the Code.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Galan that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2011-04 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the petition as presented.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

Alderman Marchese announced this would be forwarded to the City Council on Monday, April 18th.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Elizabeth Lahey  
Secretary**

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**Joseph Marchese  
Chairperson**

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**John Galan  
Alderman**

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**Ted Schauer  
Alderman**