

Minutes of the Planning Commission 's Special
Meeting of June 13, 1955

Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy Weideman

Members present: Messrs. Goetz, Hanks, Kirby and Tygart.

Ex-officio members: Mayor Brimm, Atty. Ackley

Others present were: Bob and Al Phillips, Pete Lesmeister, Homer Kessler and Dr. Smith.

Special Business: Palmer Building.

Inasmuch as the matter at hand, concerned him personally, CMr. Weideman, asked Mr. Goetz to preside over the discussion and the Goetz assumed the chair.

Whereupon Mr. Goetz asked for volunteers to open the discussion.

Mr. Kessler said he was willing to answer objections to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Mr. Reed reported that the proposed Palmer bldg. met all requirements as far as the building code was concerned but that objections centered on the Elks Bldg. already constructed which is 42" back from the street, causing the new building to extend 42" forward.

Al Phillips said he objected to the view of his store being obstructed, and also thought the marquee and signs would be a detriment.

Bob Phillips asked if the marquee of the new building would extend above his and the answer by Weideman and Kessler was no.

Both Mr. Kessler and Mr. Weideman contended that the new bldg. as the plans and specifications show, would be benefit to all concerned as it will draw the eye and attract attention. They said it was a new trend in business bldg. construction and offered to be read, a letter from R.J. Keeney, from the firm of Keeney & Edson, Medford architects explaining and confirming this.

There being no further discussion, all parties were dismissed and the members of the planning commission studied the matter and made the following recommendation:

Motion was made by Mr. Tygart, seconded by Mr. Kirby that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that the bldg. permit application of Weideman and Kessler be issued according to the plans & specifications submitted. Carried. Mr. Hanks refrained from voting. Included in this motion was also the recommendation to the Council that all applications for business buildings in business zones or to repair or alter any such bldg. be referred to the Planning Commission by the City Work Supt. for recommendation before a permit is issued.

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Mr. Reed pointed out that a large slope would be needed on that side-walk in front of the Palmer Bldg. that it presented a problem and it would probably have to be warped in.

Union Oil Company Plans:

Mr. Reed presented that plans and specification of the Union Oil Company which were in line with the recommendations of the Commission as outlined and approved on Feb. 1st. 1955.

Mr. Goetz moved to adjourn the meeting.

Gladys Kanick, Secy.