

**BLUE ASH BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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**ITEM 1. – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Madam Chairman Julie Brook called the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Berry, Julie Brook, Mark Kirby and Marc Sirkin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Paul Collett, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Community Development Director Dan Johnson, Administrative Clerk Traci Smith and interested citizens

**ITEM 2. – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board waived the reading of the minutes.

DECISION: John Berry moved, Mark Kirby seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2008. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3. – 9545 Kenwood Road – Select Staffing (Bob Carpenter, CSS Signs, Inc.)**

Appeal to allow a wall sign that is wider than permitted and more than 30-inches in height in the D-1 Downtown Commercial zoning district at the Crossings of Blue Ash

PRESENT: Bob Carpenter, Appellant  
David Wessinger, Select Staffing Regional Manager

Madam Chairman Julie Brook swore in those wishing to testify and gave a brief overview of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

David Wessinger of Select Staffing (formerly Star Personnel) said they have been in Blue Ash for about 10 years and are requesting a variance for a 15-foot wide sign, which is 3-foot wider than what is permitted for this store front. Bob Carpenter of Carpenter Signs said they are trying to keep with the standard company logo. If the letters are stacked, then the sign would exceed the 30-inch height limit. Mr. Carpenter brought a sample of the letters to show that they are not unusually large and feels they are proportionate to the other signs in the center, maybe even smaller.

Dan Johnson said it did not appear to him that there were any other signs in the center larger than what is permitted. He added that most of the store fronts are significantly larger than this space so their signs maybe larger but still in compliance with the code. Mr. Carpenter said the school supply store and CVS exceeds the height requirement. Mr. Johnson said the Code states that anchor stores are permitted to have larger signs. Mr. Carpenter said that Mr. Silverman asked that the sign be kept in line with the other signs but would be kept within the bay they are leasing. He said the letters would be internally illuminated, 18-inch letters in upper and lower case.

As there were no further questions Madam Chairman Julie Brook closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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John Berry said he did not have a problem with it. He said it had good esthetics and thought it was proportionately correct. Marc Sirkin said he did not have a problem either and that even Samurai Sam's has complained that those signs are less than adequate from the street.

DECISION: John Berry moved, Marc Sirkin seconded to approve a variance for the sign package as submitted for Select Staffing located at 9545 Kenwood Road. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ITEM 4. – Miscellaneous Business**

Dan Johnson advised Mark Kirby that he was signed up for the Planning & Zoning Training class on October 28, 2008 and that there was another workshop in Dayton on December 5, 2008.

**ITEM 5. – ADJOURNMENT**

DECISION: There being no further business, John Berry moved, Mark Kirby seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. All members present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Julie Brook, Madam Chairman

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

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Traci Smith, Administrative Clerk