

A regular meeting of the Building Code Board of Appeals was called to order by the Chairman, Ted Dziurman at 8:35 A.M. on March 1, 2000.

PRESENT: Ted Dziurman  
Mitch Grusnick  
Bill Need  
Bill Nelson  
Bob Haralabakos  
Ginny Norvell  
Pam Pasternak

**ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2000**

Motion by Need  
Supported by Nelson

Yeas: 4 - Dziurman, Need, Nelson, Haralabakos  
Abstain: 1 – Grusnick

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2000 AS WRITTEN CARRIED

**ITEM #2 – MARGO TRUBLOWSKI, representing Barnard Elementary School, 3601 Forge for relief of Chapter 78.**

The petitioner is requesting relief of Chapter 78 to allow the installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> sign. Section 9.02.01,B of the ordinance limits the site to one sign and there is currently an existing wall sign identifying the school.

Mrs. Trublowski was present and stated that her research had revealed that there are presently six (6) elementary schools in the area which have informational signs on the property. They would like to use this sign to inform both parents and the community of events that are taking place at Barnard Elementary School and in this way to increase participation in these events.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Norman Moore, representing the Barnard PTO was present and stated that the entire PTO voted in favor of this sign, if the variance was granted.

No one else wished to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

There is one written approval on file.

Mr. Need questioned what the hardship was that would require this sign. Mrs. Trublowski stated that basically the PTO believes that they would encourage more participation due to the fact that they would be able to communicate more freely with both parents and the community. Mr. Need also asked if Mrs. Trublowski had received any information from the schools presently having the informational sign, which would

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indicate an increase in participation. Mr. Trublowski stated that she did not have any information from the other schools, however, in talking to parents, they have all indicated that they would appreciate information which would be a visible reminder of up and coming events.

Mrs. Livia Moore, President of the PTO was present and stated that they have 300-400 parents who currently volunteer and this sign would allow better communication with parents as to what is going on. Mr. Dziurman stated that basically the reason for the request for this sign was for communication.

Mr. Moore stated that they would announce elections for appointment to the PTO and believes that this sign would get more parents involved in the voting procedure. Mrs. Moore stated that recently a teacher from Barnard was nominated for Teacher of the Year and she would like to be able to put this information on the board also.

Mr. Need asked why the sign needed to be lit. Mr. Trublowski stated that many of the activities that go on are in the evening and in the winter, it is dark by 5 P.M. She further stated that the sign would be lit in conjunction with the parking lot lights that are on from dusk until dawn. Mr. Need also asked what time events are over in the evening, and was told that times are variable.

Mr. Need also asked what would happen to the wall sign, whether or not it could be removed? Ginny Norvell stated that she had spoken to the principal of the school and he indicated that he wanted the sign to remain.

Mr. Nelson asked if the parking lot lights remain on all night. Mr. Moore said they did as a deterrent to vandalism.

Motion by Need

MOVED, to approve the variance requested with the following stipulations:

- Lights would go off at 10 P.M.
- Wall sign would be removed

Motion dies for lack of support.

Motion by Nelson

Supported by Grusnick

MOVED, to grant Margo Trublowski, representing Barnard Elementary School, 3601 Forge relief of Chapter 78 to allow the installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> sign with the following stipulation:

- Lights would be turned off between the hours of 10P.M. to 6A.M.

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Yeas: 4 – Dziurman, Nelson, Haralabakos, Grusnick

Nays: 1 – Need

## MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST WITH STIPULATION CARRIED

**ITEM #3 - DAN HEILEMAN, HEILEMAN SIGNS, representing Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive for relief of Chapter 78.**

The petitioner is requesting relief of Chapter 78 to allow:

- A. The installation of a second major wall sign, placed on the penthouse (above the roofline) of the building. Section 9.02.03, of the Ordinance allows one major wall sign. A 114 square foot wall sign already exists on this building. Also, Section 2.02.05 prohibits placement above the roofline of the building.
- B. The installation of a 41.5 square foot tenant wall sign. Section 9.02.03,D, limits the size of tenant identification signs to 20 square feet.

Mr. Dan Heileman and Mr. Peter Angelus, General Manager of Embassy Suites were present. Mr. Angelus stated that the company has merged and the name is being changed from Double Tree to Embassy Suites. Presently, there is only one sign that faces south on I-75 and creates a hardship due to the fact that it is not easily visible. The reason they would like to place the sign on the penthouse is also for greater visibility for advertising.

Mr. Heileman stated that the new signs would replace the old signs. Ms. Norvell also explained that several variances had been granted previously as to the placement of the signs above the roofline.

Mr. Need asked if the signs that were not needed could be removed and Mr. Angelus stated that they would only be replacing existing signs and not adding extra signs. They would like a sign over the canopy so those customers would be able to find out where to drop off their luggage and register with a minimum of confusion.

There are no written approvals or objections on file.

Motion by Need

Supported by Nelson

MOVED, to grant Dan Heileman, Heileman Signs, representing Embassy Suites 850 Tower Drive, relief of Chapter 78 to allow installation of a major wall sign on the penthouse and installation of a 41.5 square foot tenant wall sign.

- Not contrary to public interest.
- There are no complaints on file.

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Yeas: All – Dziurman, Haralabakos, Nelson, Need, Grusnick

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST CARRIED

The Building Code Board of Appeals meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.