

**Alma Zoning Board of Appeals
June 29, 2021**

Board member Godfrey called the meeting of the Alma Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 5:03 PM at the City of Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Godfrey, Ayers, Guerrero, Wight, and Hall
Absent: Justin

Others Present: Aeric Ripley, City of Alma Zoning Administrator
Ryan Stoudt, Alma College

A motion was made at 5:04 PM by Hall, and supported by Wight, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting.

Yes: Godfrey, Ayers, Wight, Hall, and Guerrero
No: None

Variance Request 101 – 113 E Superior Street: An appeal of the projecting sign ordinance size limitation. The applicate, Alma College, proposes to install 4 - 30" x 94" Alma College banners on the second story corners of the Wright Leppien Opera Block, (1) on the SE corner (1) on the SW along E Superior Street & (1) on the NW along N State Street & (1) on the NE corner on the NS alley. The property is zoned B1, Central Business District. The B1, District allows for the installation of projecting signage.

A presentation was given by Ripley. The primary reason for the variance request is due to the size limitation of banner size 7.5 sq ft. The proposed banners are 15 sq ft. The college would like to use these banners to highlight their presence while preserving façade space for the signage of the businesses in that building. Windshear and deadload calculations have been provided. This proposal is in lieu of a previous proposal to place the banners on city streetlights, which was previously rejected.

Hall commented that giving the college a visible presence in the block the college has students living and the investment the college made in the Wright Leppien Opera Block is a good for both the college and the community.

The signage added to the Opera Block will be in addition to the Keep Alma Beautiful, Alma Schools, Alma College and community art banners on display in downtown for the Summer.

A motion was made by Hall and supported by Guerrero at 5:15 PM to approve the variance requested on the basis that the size of the banners and the location of the banners on the Wright Leppien Opera of the banners proposed was reasonable due to the size of the building.

Yes: Godfrey, Ayers, Wight, Hall, and Guerrero
No: None

Stoudt thanked the board for the variance and looks to move forward with the project as he has already filed a sign permit with the city.

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A motion was made by Hall and supported by Ayers to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 PM.

Yes: Godfrey, Ayers, Wight, Hall, and Guerrero

No: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron K. Hale, Recording Secretary