

**NORMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 9th day of February 2012. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman Andy Sherrer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Item No. 1, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Boeck
Cynthia Gordon
Diana Hartley
Chris Lewis
Curtis McCarty
Roberta Pailles
Andy Sherrer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Gasaway
Tom Knotts

A quorum was present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Connors, Director, Planning &
Community Development
Doug Koscinski, Manager, Current Planning
Division
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development
Manager
Roné Tromble, Recording Secretary
Jane Hudson, Planner II
Leah Messner, Asst. City Attorney
Larry Knapp, GIS Analyst

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Item No. 7, being:

ORDINANCE NO. O-1112-21 – JOY SHALBERG, DBA JOY’S PALACE, REQUESTS SPECIAL USE FOR A BAR, LOUNGE OR TAVERN WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR PROPERTY CURRENTLY ZONED C-3, INTENSIVE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 300 EAST MAIN STREET.

PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

1. Mr. Koscinski reported that the applicant currently operates an event center. They rent the hall out for private functions. Typically you would hire a caterer or someone with a liquor license to provide food and/or beverage service for your event. The applicant would like to own the liquor license and provide the food and drink. That is a bar under our ordinance and requires a special use. The property is zoned C-3 and is located on Main Street. Parking in the area is an issue, but there is no parking required on the site based on the existing zoning. There are other similar uses in the area. This is on the corner of Main and Crawford. North across the street is the 300 block of downtown with a variety of food service establishments, some of which also serve liquor. Further east on the south side of the road are a variety of retail uses. There are several bars in the area, so this would not be an incompatible use. There were no filed protests on this request.

2. Mr. Boeck asked if there is a kitchen in the facility. Mr. Koscinski responded there is not, and it will essentially operate as a catered establishment, but the owner would carry her own licenses.

3. Ms. Pailles asked whether people are allowed to take drinks outside if a bar has a patio. Mr. Koscinski indicated there are State requirements for separation, although Norman's ordinances do not. They typically want a fence or rail of some sort.

PRESENTATION BY THE APPLICANT:

1. Joy Shalberg, 300 E. Main Street – I do have a liquor license at the present time.

2. Ms. Pailles asked about drinks being allowed outside the facility. Ms. Shalberg responded that she has not allowed it in the past. They are planning to section the entry off to make a patio area, with a wrought iron railing around both sides, but allowing traffic to flow on both sides of the railing on both sides, and with some nice plants.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chris Lewis moved to recommend approval of Ordinance No. O-1112-21 to the City Council. Dave Boeck seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:

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| YEAS | Dave Boeck, Cynthia Gordon, Diana Hartley, Curtis McCarty, Roberta Pailles, Chris Lewis, Andy Sherrer |
| NAYES | None |
| ABSENT | Jim Gasaway, Tom Knotts |

Ms. Tromble announced that the motion to recommend approval of Ordinance No. O-1112-21 to the City Council, passed by a vote of 7-0.

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