

June 22, 2009

**Permits Committee Meeting
Santa Maria del Popolo, 126 North Lake Street**

Permits Committee
Meeting Called to Order

The Permits Committee of the Village of Mundelein held a meeting Monday June 22, 2009 at 1000 North Midlothian Road, Mundelein. Special Chairman Voss convened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Attendance

Clerk Dahlstrom took the roll. It indicated these members present: Commissioner Lentz and Semple; absent: none. Village attendance: none.

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Chairman Voss stated Chairman Nutschnig and Commissioner Sullivan would not hear the request due to a conflict of interest and assigned a special Permits Committee for this request. Chairman Voss stated the purpose of the Special Permits Committee meeting was to discuss the a variation to the sign code for Santa Maria del Popolo, 126 North Lake Street.

Purpose of Meeting: Santa
Maria del Popolo, 126
North Lake Street

Chairman Voss asked if a representative from Santa Maria del Popolo was in attendance. Mr. Ken Fogel, North Shore Sign Company stated he would represent Santa Maria del Popolo.

Discussion

Chairman Voss asked where the sign would be placed. Mr. Fogel stated the property is the southwest corner of Division Street and Route 45 and be placed on the northwest corner of the property. Chairman Voss asked what type of landscaping would be used. Mr. Fogel stated the landscaping had not been determined yet, but would use landscaping to cover as much of the post similar to Mundelein High School. Chairman Voss stated electronic signs are not allowed in the Village, however there are three throughout the Village, located at Mundelein High School, Mundelein Park District and Carmel High School, all zoned P, for public use. Santa Maria del Popolo is zoned as R-5, residential. Chairman Voss stated she voted against all three because she does not like electronic signs. Chairman Voss stated she would vote against this request as well and asked the other commissioners for their opinions.

Commissioner Lentz stated the issue is not whether an electronic sign would look good on a particular property, but whether schools should be allowed to use electronic signs. The Village would then get requests from all other schools throughout the Village. Commissioner Lentz would recommend having a discussion with the Board to determine whether electronic signs should be allowed at schools before approving this request.

Planner Goski arrived at 6:35 pm.

Commissioner Semple asked if a representative from Santa Maria del Popolo was in attendance. Mr. Fogel stated he was the only representative. Commissioner Semple asked staff about the two additional conditions; removing the yellow reader board sign used on the west side of Lake Street for advertising events and utilizing masonry around the bottom of the sign as much as possible. Commissioner Semple asked if Santa Maria del Popolo

had agreed to these conditions. Mr. Fogel stated the agreed to eliminate the yellow reader board. Mr. Fogel stated the masonry was still an issue due to budgetary constraints, but would use landscaping. Commissioner Semple asked what types of messages would be displayed, specifically using the sign for advertising space. Mr. Fogel stated the messages would be specific for the school, not the church, however Santa Maria is would be willing to promote Village events and emergency notices. Commissioner Semple stated he had no objection to approving this request because it is a school. Commissioner Semple asked staff if the school would be rezoned as a school instead of R-5. Planner Goski stated the Zoning Ordinance is being reviewed and the goal is to rezone properties appropriately. Mr. Fogel added he realized it is zoned as a residential property, however across the street is a gas station and the electronic sign would not be any brighter than their sign and turning the sign off at night is being considered.

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Discussion (Continued)

Administrator Lobaito arrived at 6:42 pm.

Chairman Voss stated a vote could be taken, however two commissioners are opposed to the request. Chairman Voss stated a Committee of the Whole would be meeting soon to discuss this topic and asked Mr. Fogel if he wanted to proceed with the vote or withdraw the request, have the Committee of the Whole meeting and then return with the request after the Board has an opportunity to discuss the issue. Mr. Fogel asked when the Committee of the Whole would be meeting. Chairman Voss asked Administrator Lobaito when the Committee of the Whole would meet. Administrator Lobaito stated it would be the scheduled sometime in July. Chairman Voss stated Santa Maria del Popolo would be notified prior to the meeting. Mr. Fogel withdrew his request until the Committee of the Whole could meet to discuss the Zoning Ordinance.

Request for Sign Variation
withdrawn

Motion by Lentz, seconded by Semple to adjourn the Permits Committee meeting. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Lentz, Semple, and Voss; nays: none; absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn the
Permit Committee Meeting

The Permits Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Adjournment

Village Clerk