The Business District Construction Review Board (BDCRB) of the City of Hill Country Village met for a meeting Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, San Antonio, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meeting law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:
Buddy Swift, Chair
Steve Marceau
Bill Aniol
Roger Simpson
Jeff Garvens
Dean Perry

City Staff Present:
Frank Morales, City Administrator
Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order.

Dr. Swift announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Steve Marceau made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the corrections asked by Mr. Marceau, seconded by Mr. Jeff Garvens. Mr. Dean Perry abstained because he related he was not at the June 13, 2011 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Discussion/action on approval of amendments to the Sign Ordinance, City Code Chapter 50.

Below are some of the changes the board wanted to make and are incorporated into the sign ordinance for amendments:

A. Method of enforcement/fees – HCV officers to enforce sign ordinance.

B. Size/location issues
   1. Building signs –
   2. Monument signs -
   3. Pole/pylon signs - same except reduce height to 25-35 ft if electronic
   4. Electronic or Non-Electric signs (can’t have both) – electronic, can have both of they do not exceed the total square footage of that type of sign
   5. Shopping Center Signs – Agenda item for Aug meeting
   6. Lot Size – only lots with greater than 140 ft of frontage can have
   7. Distance limitations between signs on adjacent lots – 25 ft side set backs

C. Specific Sign Variables
   1. Brightness – determined by candle lumens
   2. Message Duration – 1-10 minutes
   3. Transition time – 1-4 seconds
   4. Screening for light overhang – YES, from any residential area as seen from right angle (Look at SA ordinance)
   5. Flashing vs Non-Flashing – Non-Flashing
   6. Message content limitation – No Traveling/Scrolling message
   7. Shut off at night - NO
   8. Video vs Non-Video – Non-Video

D. Grandfathering of existing signs

I spoke to Marc Schnall, City Attorney who related that signs that were currently in compliance with our ordinance would be grandfathered. – Grandfather all existing signs, if ownership changes, then they must comply with our ordinance.

Steve Marceau wanted clarification on moving/flashing signs.

Mr. Perry related that these LED signs are the future, and we should allow commercial businesses to be competitive as long as they are not disturbing the community. He also thought we should not change the sign size.
4. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the BDCRB, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of August, 2011

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Buddy Swift
Chair

ATTEST:

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Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary