

Office of Outdoor Advertising
Public Meeting

January 11, 2018

11:00 AM

State Transportation Building

10 Park Plaza

2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02116

Present:

John Romano, Executive Director

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 JOHN ROMANO: Good morning, everyone.

4 My name is John Romano. I'm the Director of Outdoor

5 Advertising for the Mass. Department of

6 Transportation.

7 This meeting is accessible to people

8 with disabilities and individuals with limited English

9 proficiency. If you filed a request with us for

10 assistive technology, sign language, alternate format

11 documents, an interpreter, translated documents, or

12 other such services to be available here today, please

13 see Lydia, which I believe, Lydia, no one has

14 requested those in advance?

15 LYDIA QUIRK: No.

16 JOHN ROMANO: If you need any other

17 similar assistance to participate today, please let

18 Lydia know and we will do our best to help you.

19 We are here this morning for the

20 January 11th monthly public hearing for the Office of

21 Outdoor Advertising.

22 Actually, I forgot to get a copy myself

23 of last month's meeting minutes. And the agendas are

24 here, also some copies of the yearly schedule for the

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1 hearings for 2018. And there's a sign-in sheet there
2 as well.

3 If you didn't sign in on your way in,
4 please do so before you leave if you would like to
5 have your name as part of the record as being in
6 attendance today.

7 The first item on the agenda is the
8 minutes of the December 14th public hearing. Any
9 questions, comments, concerns, changes?

10 (No response.)

11 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, we will mark
12 those approved.

13 The first item on the agenda for
14 approval -- for review -- is application for a new
15 license, Robertson Realty Corp., 2680 Cranberry
16 Highway in Wareham, Massachusetts.

17 Is there anybody here representing
18 Robertson's Realty?

19 ROBERT COHEN: Yes, Mr. Director.
20 Robert Cohen representing Robertson.

21 JOHN ROMANO: Great. Thank you, Mr.
22 Cohen.

23 We have reviewed the paperwork that you
24 have submitted. We have your Certificate of Good

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1 Standing and/or Tax Compliance. And we also have your
2 W-9 as required and the appropriate fee.

3 Do you have anything that you would
4 like to add at this time to your application?

5 ROBERT COHEN: No, thank you. Just if
6 you have any questions, happy to answer them.
7 Otherwise, we're looking forward to approval,
8 hopefully.

9 JOHN ROMANO: We will take this
10 application under advisement. It seems that at least
11 all the paperwork is all in order.

12 Are there any questions, comments,
13 concerns from the general public?

14 (No response.)

15 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, we will take
16 that under advisement and we will get back to you.

17 ROBERT COHEN: Thank you, John.

18 JOHN ROMANO: Next on the agenda, we
19 have an application for permit transfers from Lamar
20 Whiteco Outdoor to Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC in
21 Providence. On the agenda, this is Item B1, listing
22 59 permits. There are a couple of changes if you want
23 to mark your program.

24 Item 14, the address should be 48

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1 Weaver Street, not 102 Weaver Street.

2 And, Item 15 and 16, we will be
3 removing at this time.

4 So, that leaves us 57 applications.
5 This is basically a paper transfer between two
6 different divisions of Lamar. We are going to take
7 all 57 of them at one time unless anybody has a
8 specific question about any of the 57 permits listed.

9 (No response.)

10 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, we will do
11 this all as one bunch.

12 All the appropriate paperwork and
13 payment has been submitted. These all were inspected
14 by my three inspectors.

15 I am going to ask that Jason Bean speak
16 on behalf of all 57 applications and all three
17 inspectors. We do the inspection whenever a transfer
18 is made to make sure that there are no issues that
19 need to be addressed.

20 So, with that, I'm going to ask Jason
21 to speak on behalf of the three inspectors and all 57
22 transfers.

23 JASON BEAN: Thank you, John.

24 Just two issues that we want to let

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1 Lamar know about. These are Permit Numbers 2006001
2 and 2010010 at 415 Neponset Ave. There's a Carroll
3 placard on that, a licensee, old licensee from a
4 couple of transfers ago. So that needs to be
5 addressed and put to the current licensee at 415
6 Neponset Avenue.

7 JOHN ROMANO: That's Item 5 and 6 on
8 the list.

9 JASON BEAN: Yes, sorry.
10 And then, other than that, I have
11 nothing to speak of at this time.

12 JOHN ROMANO: All of the others, we
13 have no issues?

14 JASON BEAN: We have no issues with the
15 rest of them.

16 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great. I should
17 have asked this. Is there some -- obviously, there's
18 someone here representing Lamar. Would you just
19 introduce yourself for the record? I apologize.

20 NORMAN LAGASSE: Norm Lagasse with
21 Lamar.

22 JOHN ROMANO: Norm, is there anything
23 that you would like to add at this time?

24 NORMAN LAGASSE: No, I'm good. I'm

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1 good.

2 JOHN ROMANO: Any questions, comments,
3 concerns on any of these?

4 (No response.)

5 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. We will take this
6 transfer under advisement and we will get back to you.

7 Next on the agenda we have an
8 application for an unlicensed permit, F.M. Partners,
9 LLC. This is Commercial Street at Forbes Boulevard.
10 It is Application Number 2018001. It's a new
11 structure facing north in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

12 Notification was provided by my office
13 to the Town Manager and the Town Clerk on December 11,
14 2017.

15 Is the applicant present?

16 CRIS CRECELIUS: Yes.

17 JOHN ROMANO: Please.

18 CRIS CRECELIUS: For the record, Cris
19 Crecelius, C-r-e-c-e-l-i-u-s, here on behalf of F.M.
20 Partners, LLC, the applicant.

21 JOHN ROMANO: Okay, Cris. Thank you.

22 Is there anybody here representing the
23 municipality where the sign is proposed?

24 (No response.)

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1 JOHN ROMANO: No. Okay. Are there any
2 abutters present today?

3 (No response.)

4 JOHN ROMANO: None. Is anyone present
5 from the District Office?

6 (No response.)

7 JOHN ROMANO: For the record, we did
8 receive an email from Bill Travers from District 5,
9 and they have no comments on this application.
10 Traffic Operations is not applicable as
11 this is a static sign.

12 Mr. Crecelius, was certified mail
13 notice to abutters sent out by the applicant at least
14 30 days prior to submitting your application to the
15 OOA?

16 CRIS CRECELIUS: Yes.

17 JOHN ROMANO: For the record, you did
18 submit the post office receipts of the mail that you
19 sent out. I do have those.

20 And, I'm correct in stating that you
21 have provided us a copy of the letter that was sent
22 out to the abutters as well?

23 CRIS CRECELIUS: Correct. And I have a
24 copy if need be.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. I think we have a
2 copy, but we'll take another copy if you've got it.

3 CRIS CRECELIUS: Okay. Sure.

4 JOHN ROMANO: But I'm pretty sure I
5 have it in the package. We can grab that at the end
6 from you.

7 CRIS CRECELIUS: Okay.

8 JOHN ROMANO: Let's see. Cris, have
9 you received any written comments in support or
10 opposition of this board?

11 CRIS CRECELIUS: I have not received
12 any comments.

13 JOHN ROMANO: And we have not received
14 any. Okay.

15 And a special permit was received from
16 Foxborough, correct?

17 CRIS CRECELIUS: Correct.

18 JOHN ROMANO: And you did submit a copy
19 of that. We did review that. I did have some
20 questions. You've addressed all of those for me. I
21 have all the appropriate paperwork.

22 CRIS CRECELIUS: Excellent.

23 JOHN ROMANO: So, thank you.

24 CRIS CRECELIUS: Thank you.

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1 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. At this time, I
2 will have Marc Plante is going to give his inspection
3 report on the proposed sign.

4 MARC PLANTE: Very good. This is an
5 unlicensed permit sign located on Route 140 in
6 Foxborough, facing north.

7 There are two businesses within 500
8 feet. There are no parks, playgrounds, reservations
9 within 300 feet. And there is no spacing issues with
10 any other sign.

11 This sign is to be informational with
12 businesses only located in Forbes Crossing Mall.

13 JOHN ROMANO: Any other concerns or
14 issues? Does it meet CMR?

15 MARC PLANTE: It meets CMR. It's fine.

16 JOHN ROMANO: Thank you very much,
17 Marc. Thank you. Appreciate that.

18 Mr. Crecelius, anything you'd like to
19 add to your application at this time?

20 CRIS CRECELIUS: No, I think we've
21 established everything that we need to, and we
22 appreciate your time.

23 JOHN ROMANO: Okay. Great. Thank you
24 very much.

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1 Any questions, comments, or concerns
2 from the general public?

3 (No response.)

4 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, we will take
5 this application under advisement and we will get back
6 to you on the status.

7 CRIS CRECELIUS: Would you like a copy,
8 Mr. Romano?

9 JOHN ROMANO: Sure. If you want to
10 provide me that, that would be great.

11 CRIS CRECELIUS: Yeah.

12 JOHN ROMANO: Next on the agenda is
13 applications for 2018 renewal of Outdoor Advertising
14 license and permits. As you can see, there's a list
15 of 21 various companies renewing their licenses and/or
16 associated permits and the dates that those have been
17 processed.

18 Any questions, comments, or concerns on
19 that item of the agenda?

20 (No response.)

21 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, I'll mark
22 that as accepted.

23 Last, Item E is a renewal of unlicensed
24 outdoor permits. Any questions, comments, or concerns

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1 on those two?

2 (No response.)

3 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, I think
4 those are all set.

5 The last item is For the Record: Any
6 actions taken since the last public hearing. Are
7 there any questions, comments, or concerns on those
8 items?

9 (No response.)

10 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none.

11 And the last, but not least, is any
12 public comment?

13 (No response.)

14 JOHN ROMANO: Seeing none, the meeting
15 is adjourned. Thank you all very much for coming.
16 Have a good day.

17 Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded on
18 January 8, 2017 at 11:13 a.m.)

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I, Judith Luciano, do hereby certify that the foregoing record is a true and accurate transcription of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to the best of my skill and ability.

Judith Luciano

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**All names not provided were spelled phonetically to the best of my ability.