

STAFF REPORT WEST ALLIS PLAN COMMISSION Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:00 PM

Room 128 - City Hall - 7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

9. Signage Plan Appeal for Apostles Presbyterian Church, an existing religious institution, located at 1509 S. 76 St., submitted by Deb Burton and Blair Benes of Poblocki Sign Company. (Tax Key No. 452-0082-001)

Apostles Church is requesting a signage appeal as part of their plan to install a new electronic changeable copy sign within the existing freestanding monument sign at the corner of S. 76 St. and W. Orchard St.

Sign Code – Freestanding Signs

At this location, the Sign Code allows for 1 freestanding sign, with:

- A masonry base at least 2 feet in height (other durable materials that reflect the principal building may also be approved),
- Landscaping equal to twice the area of the sign face,
- An area no greater than 50 square feet,
- · A maximum height of 10 feet, and
- Changeable copy portion not to exceed 35% of the sign face.

Signage Plan Revision & Appeal

The applicant has modified the previous version of the plan to include an area below the electronic message center (EMC) as part of the sign face. The changes thereby increase the primary sign area so as to bring the electronic message center into compliance with the 35% limit for the EMC area.

In addition a metal cap feature has been included on the top of the sign and the color has



changed to a dark bronze color consistent with the look of the building.

Variance Request update - The signage ordinance does require a masonry/stone base. The applicant is requesting that the existing lannon stone retaining wall at the corner of the site and in proximity to the sign serve as the masonry/stone base requirement of the sign ordinance. Given the proximity and updates to the overall signage plan, staff recommends Plan Commission accept the variance request. Any landscaping areas disturbed in the installation of new signage would be replaced.



Recommendation: Approval of the updated signage plan appeal for Apostles Presbyterian Church, an existing religious institution, located at 1509 S. 76 St., submitted by Deb Burton and Blair Benes of Poblocki Sign Company. (Tax Key No. 452-0082-001).