



CITY OF TUCSON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Sign Code Advisory & Appeals Board**  
**201 N. Stone Ave**  
**Basement Conference Room "C"**  
**Tucson, AZ 85701**

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**Case No. S-08-20**  
**200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Tucson Children's Museum**

<b><u>Public Hearing:</u></b>	October 15, 2008
<b><u>Board Members Present:</u></b>	Frank Mascia, Leigh Robinson, Jim Ayres, Roger Sliker, Sharon Emley
<b><u>Board Members Absent:</u></b>	John Roberts
<b><u>Staff Present:</u></b>	Heather Thrall, Linus Kafka, Glenn Moyer, Sue Montes
<b><u>Owner:</u></b>	City of Tucson
<b><u>Applicant:</u></b>	Wheat Scharf Associates
<b><u>Speakers:</u></b>	Howard Dett, Richard Green

Applicable Sign Code requirements: Chapter 3, Article VI, Signs by District, Section 3-80, per the HO-3 historic office zoning of the premises. Section 3-80.H.4.a, Free-standing signs, monument and low profile only, maximum number: one (1) per premises. Chapter 3, Article V, Sign Types and General Regulations, description of Freestanding signs. Section 3-60.B.5, applicable to Low Profile signs, requires a minimum continuous base (clearance from grade to the bottom of sign) of two (2) feet.

The applicant's request is to: A) exceed the maximum allowed number of free-standing signs on a site within the historic district, as described in Section 3-80.H.4.a. Should a variance be granted, it would allow the premises to have two (2) free standing signs. B) reduce the minimum required height of a continuous base for a Low Profile sign by one (1) foot, as described in Section 3-60.B.5. This variance request would be applicable to both proposed signs. Should a variance be granted, it would allow both proposed Low Profile signs to have a one (1) foot tall base.

**Mr. Sliker made a motion to grant the requested variance due to the fact that it would not result in a special privilege to the premises, as traffic going in either direction will be able to see only one low profile sign in each direction. The proposed signs are actually under the minimum height requirement, which would result less intrusive sign heights than the code required.**

**DECISION – VARIANCE GRANTED:** The Board grants this variance due to the fact that it would not result in a special privilege to the premises, as traffic going in either direction will be able to see only one low profile sign in each direction. The proposed signs are actually under the minimum height requirement, which would result less intrusive sign heights than the code required. This request would not materially affect the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood. Further, the special circumstance of the property stems from the site

having a large boundary of a full platted city block, bounded by street intersections, making it difficult for only one sign to direct would be visitors from all traffic angles to the site.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:** (1) IN CASES GRANTED THAT REQUIRE A SIGN PERMIT, PERMIT MUST BE SECURED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (DSD) WITHIN 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS MEETING. THE DSD DIRECTOR MAY GRANT AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS EXTENSION FOR GOOD CAUSE. (2) THE DECISION OF THE BOARD MAY BE APPEALED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BY FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DECISION OF THE BOARD, OR BY FILING A COMPLAINT FOR SPECIAL ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DECISION OF THE BOARD.

**(A CASSETTE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)**

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**Sue Montes**  
**Secretary**  
**Development Services Department**