

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WORKSESSION #1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
August 4, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met in the Closed Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2015, for its regular monthly meeting with Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present: Madame Chair Janet Stockton; Vice Chairman John Speidel; and Planning Commission Members Bud Blanchard; Ina Clements; Derwin Hall; John Tiggie

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chairman John Speidel, Commission Member Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present: Town Planner, Josh Gibson; Deputy Clerk and Secretary to Planning Commission Deanna Alexander

Madame Chair Stockton welcomed everyone to the August Planning Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Commission Member Clements

Second: Commission Member Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

- **July 7, 2015 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes presented

Motion By: Commission Member Clements

Second: Commission Member Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Madame Chair Stockton recessed the meeting to hold Worksession #1 Comprehensive Plan.

Review of Worksession #1 Comprehensive Plan:

- Overall document is easy to read and user friendly.
- One Worksession per year to update and review annually is recommended.
- Reviewed using different pictures throughout the document. Suggested Harvester Performance Center on the front of the plan. Replace Franklin County High School pictures.
- Various grammatical corrections throughout the document.
- Change People and Housing to Demographics.
- Need to add Flow Charts and/or graphs.
- Make sure to always add uptown with downtown, to reference both areas.
- Page 14, review all statistics quoted in the chart are current.
- Page 15, add heading for better understanding of information.
- Page 16, remove negative statistics or statements, and give more specifics.
- Reach out to our employers in the community annually.
- Page 18, do not understand the purpose of the graph. Need to add a legend.
- Façade grant for Eagle Plaza. Do not reference Eagle Plaza in the document directly.

Madame Chair Stockton asked for any other comments.

Planning Commission will review pages 23 through 51 in Worksession #2 at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

Madame Chair Stockton hearing no further comments called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC HEARING

Let the record show there are no public hearings at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Let the record show there is no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Let the record show there is no old business at this time.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS AND STAFF UPDATES

- Community Development Update: Josh Gibson, Town Planner gave a brief review of the Murphy Oil pending approval and site status.
- Commission Member Blanchard: No Comments
- Commission Member Clements: No Comments
- Commission Member Tiggie: No Comments
- Commission Member Hall: No Comments
- Madam Chair Stockton: No Comments

Madam Chair Stockton hearing no further comments entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Commission Member Clements

Second: Commission Member Tiggie

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Deanna L. Alexander, Clerk/Secretary

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