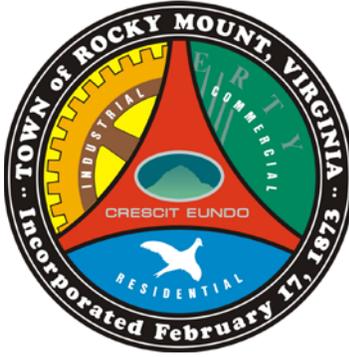


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JOHN TIGGLE

C. JAMES ERVIN, *Town Manager*
MATTHEW C. HANKINS, *Assistant Town Manager*
& *Community Development Director*

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 • 6 p.m.

- Call to Order and Welcome Mr. Hankins
1. Organizational Meeting
 - Election of Chairman
 - Election of Vice-Chairman Chairman
 - Appointment of Clerk
 - Appointment of Subdivision Agent
 2. Roll Call of Members Present
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Review and Consideration of Minutes
 - June 3, 2014 - regular meeting minutes
 5. Public Hearings - *none at this time*
 6. Old Business - *none at this time*
 7. New Business
 - a. Review of variance request of Kenny Tanks on behalf of Joyful Light Ministries for the property located at 145 Maynor Street
 - b. Discussion regarding zoning consideration for the urban farming of "backyard" chickens
 8. Commissioner Concerns & Staff Updates
 9. Adjournment

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2014
6: 00 P.M.**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present: Bud Blanchard; Derwin Hall; Ina Clements; Jerry Greer; John Tiggle; Madame Chair Janet Stockton; Vice Chairman John Speidel

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant Town Manager; Patrick N. Rust, Town Planner; Stacey Sink, Deputy Clerk and Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Commission Member Clements

Second: Vice Chairman Speidel

Action: Approved unanimously

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: **May 7, 2014 – regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Commission Member Tiggle

Second: Commission Member Greer

Action: Approved unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

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

OLD BUSINESS

Let the record show there was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS***New Business Item #1: Review and Consideration of Agreement for Professional Services with Hill Studio for Comprehensive Plan Update***

Staff Remarks: Assistant Town Manager Hankins noted that his staff solicited proposals from community development consulting firms interested in leading development of the Town's next comprehensive plan. Mr. Rust led that effort and received six proposals. Staff then narrowed the list down to three highly qualified firms.

Town Planner Rust, Deputy Clerk Sink and Vice Chairman Speidel interviewed all of the firms. Assistant Town Manager Hankins was unable to interview the first firm, and chose not to vote on the selection. However, he was impressed by the quality of applicants and the scope of work proposed by all three firms, and he does not think the Town could make a bad decision in choosing one of the three firms.

The staff recommendation, after due consideration of the benefits to the Town, is to enter into a contract with Hill Studio of Roanoke. Hill has worked with the Town on a number of projects, is familiar with many of the Town's goals, and is qualified to offer the skilled advice needed to advance the Comprehensive Plan. Assistant Town Manager Hankins has also conferred with his colleagues who have used Hill in the past, and the firm comes highly recommended both for the quality of its work and the timeliness of its effort.

Hill states that it can complete the Town's Comprehensive Plan six months after engagement. Staff rationally expects a few bumps in the road; however, this puts the expected completion date in early 2015.

Hill's lead staff on this project will be Evie Slone. Town Planner Rust and Ms. Slone have developed a draft contract, which is included in the meeting documents. The contract falls within the budget the Town has available to complete the project. Should Planning Commission recommend that the Town enter a contract, Town Council will have to approve the contract.

Planning Commission should expect to participate in a few extra meetings this fall to bring the plan to completion. This may involve extra commission meetings,

community meetings and focus groups necessary to get the public involvement needed to complete this plan.

Discussion by Planning Commission: Madame Chair Stockton questioned how and why did the committee chose Hill, with Assistant Manager Hankins advising that the firm's familiarity with Rocky Mount, the staff's comfort level with the firm, and the firm's ability to complete the comprehensive plan within six months were the primary reasons for selection. Some of the proposing firms had not worked with the Town before and some had not worked in Virginia before. He did call references for both Hill and the firm that finished second. The references indicated that the Town would have a hard time going wrong in choosing either firm. Staff also reviewed comprehensive plans for other localities which Hill had completed in the past. Hill's measurables came out better when compared to other firms. Their action list was more comprehensive and easier to track at the end of the process.

Madame Chair Stockton questioned if other localities normally hire outside firms to do their plans for them. Assistant Manager Hankins explained that the ratio is about fifty-fifty. The Town has not, in recent history, used a consultant. However, none of the Town's current planning staff has completed a comprehensive plan before, and all agree that developing a plan which conforms with everything Virginia Code requires is better achieved by an outside firm. Commission Member Hall expressed his belief that an outside firm might also bring some fresher ideas that the Town had not previously considered. Assistant Manager Hankins agreed that a set of fresh eyes, from someone who knows Rocky Mount, but can also see the Town through a different lens can be a good thing.

Madame Chair Stockton questioned what the project kick-off meeting and community tour would consist of. Assistant Manager Hankins advised that this will be an opportunity for everyone concerned with the project implementation to meet with the planning staff from Hill Studio, and to show them around town, including some issues, potential problems, things that work well for the Town, things they should see and be planning for, an introduction to Town staff, and an opportunity for staff to get them up to speed and going quickly.

Madame Chair Stockton questioned who will arrange for the focus group discussions and who will be in charge of the refreshments and setup for the focus groups, noting that \$3,000 is a rather large sum if Town staff is expected to do the work. Assistant Manager Hankins noted that the staff's expectation is that this is a turnkey project. Staff will secure the location and Hill Studio will do the rest.

Vice Chairman Speidel commented that as the member of the Planning Commission on the selection committee, he felt all the presentations were well-managed by some very talented people. He felt like the layman in the group. He is concerned about the cost of the project but realizes, in effect, the Town is hiring another person to do the

comprehensive plan. The Richmond group and Hill Studio were both very strong. The Richmond group is younger, but Hill is more established. He feels that staff is capable of doing the basics, the maps, etc. However, what staff wants is some new way of thinking or new concepts which Planning Commission and staff have not, yet, considered. Each interview lasted about one and one-half hours. Hill seems to know more about Rocky Mount than the other firms. He noted that he had gone back through the minutes for the years he has been on Planning Commission to look at the time frame needed to complete the work. In 2002, the process was 18 months and in 2007 the process was two years. He is not excited to go through such a lengthy process again at the staff/Planning Commission level.

Commission Member Greer noted that he has a lot of confidence in Hill Studio and the way the firm operates, and he feels that Hill Studio is a good choice.

Commission Member Blanchard questioned if Hill Studio has done this kind of work before for other localities. Assistant Manager Hankins advised that Hill Studio has done this work before, with the Town's closest comparison being Abingdon, which has done work with both firms. Commission Member Speidel noted that Hill has also done plans for South Boston, Halifax, Matthews County, and Purcellville. Hill has the largest staff and can complete all of the work in-house, unlike some of the other firms which had to contract out the mapping.

Commission Member Blanchard noted that, as an engineer, he has done work for Hill Studio before. He is confident the firm can do the work.

Assistant Manager Hankins noted that, going into the process, Hill Studio is not the firm he expected the staff would be recommending.

Commission Member Hall referenced some of the good work that Hill Studio has done for the Town in the past, including designing some of the façade improvements, the downtown revitalization, amphitheatre design, and Harvester design.

Commission Member Clements likes that Hill can do all the work in house.

Vice Chairman Speidel noted that he still has a problem with the money involved but realizes it may not be a major concern. Assistant Manager Hankins confirmed that the Hill proposal is within the budget for next year. Staff expected \$40,000 and Hill's expectation is \$37,000.

Motion: To recommend to Town Council the professional services of Hill Studio for updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan

Motion By: Commission Member Greer

Second: Commission Member Clements

Motion Discussion: None

Action: Approved unanimously

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS & STAFF UPDATES

Blanchard: None.

Clements: Questions if there has been any interest in the outparcels at Lowe's. Staff reported no recent interest.

Greer: Thinks the Town should issue free tickets to every Town employee to come to a free concert at the Harvester sometime over the next three to six months. He feels that the Town's employees need to be able to experience the facility first hand to see what the Town has to offer and to promote the facility in the community.

Hall: Questioned the status of the Harvester. Assistant Manager Hankins confirmed that, to date, approximately 4,500 people have gone through the gates. There have only been a couple of shows with low attendance. Overall, crowds have been either in line with or above expectations. The facility is on pace to host over 40,000 people in its first year. The business model set an expectation for success with 25,000 attending shows. All shows have been in the black except for one. The Harvester has received its permit to sell alcoholic beverages, and there have been no significant issues. A local restaurant, The Daily Grind, is the current food vendor. He sees a lot of very happy people as they exit concerts. People have bought tickets from as far away as Arizona, Illinois, Vermont, Seattle, and Washington DC. Artists like the venue and want to come back. It has been reported by several people attending the Allison Krauss and Union Station concert at the Roanoke Civic Center in May, that Jerry Douglas, the worlds best dobro player who plays with Union Station, raved on stage for two to three minutes about the Harvester and how people need to come to Rocky Mount to support the Harvester as he feels it is the best venue in Virginia. The Wailers also said that the Harvester's green room is the best green room they have ever been in.

Tiggle: None.

Speidel: Questioned if the Town has received a signage plan for the new Taco Bell along with the time frame for construction. Town Planner Rust advised there will be a freestanding sign on the corner past Bojangles, which will meet road setbacks, site distance requirements and will not block Bojangles. This sign will be lower than the Bojangles sign. Assistant Manager Hankins noted that the expectation is to open in September. Vice Chairman Speidel also noted that he feels the Harvester is a first class venue and staff and Council has done a great thing.

Stockton: Questioned what Mr. Perdue is doing with his lot on South Main Street. Staff confirmed that the Town received a zoning request from Mr. Perdue to develop a

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residential pad site. Mr. Perdue indicates that he is not planning to build right now, just level the lot out for future development of a residential use.

Staff Updates: Update on Stormwater Ordinance requirement - The Town's Erosion and Sediment Control program will, along with the new state stormwater regulations, be taken over by the County of Franklin next month. In order for this to happen, there is a need to amend the Town's erosion and sediment control ordinance to reflect that the County will be now be handling the program. There will be a public hearing in July. All existing open erosion and sediment control projects will be managed by the Town until the projects expire. Any new site plans will be under town review, but the erosion and sediment portion will be handled by the County.

Update on Taco Bell - The plans were approved by the Town last Friday. The Town is going to take over the spur road next to Taco Bell which opens up to the Coleman property, and Taco Bell will have an entrance and exit on the spur road as well as Marketplace Drive.

Premanufactured building sellers - There are several premanufactured accessory building retailers/dealers in the county who tell interested customers that a permit is not needed for the buildings. They sell the building and install it without ever checking to see if a permit is required. Staff intends to address these retailers and dealers through written correspondence advising them of the requirement for zoning permits in the Town of Rocky Mount.

Other - Possible special use next month for accessory building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Vice Chair Speidel

Second: Commission Member Clements

Action: Approved unanimously

Time of Adjournment: 6:53 P.M.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Stacey B. Sink, Secretary

/sbs

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MEMORANDUM

To: Janet Stockton, Chair
Planning Commissioners

From: Patrick Rust
Town Planner

Date: June 25, 2014

Re: Joyful Light Ministries Variance Request for 145 Maynor Street

Planning Commissioners:

The Town has received a request from Kenny Tanks on behalf of Joyful Light Ministries for a variance from the Town's off street parking requirements. Specifically, the requested variance is from Article 7-2-7 of the Town's Zoning and Development Ordinance which requires all non-residential driveways and parking spaces to be paved with asphalt, concrete, plant mix, or brick.

The parcel is located at 145 Maynor Street, (Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 20700 36900), and is zoned Residential R2. Joyful Light Ministries plans to construct a new church on the property, and churches are a use by right in R2 zoning. No site plan has been submitted to the Town.

As you know, variance applications are decided upon by the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals. However, Article 15.2-2310 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires that the zoning administrator transmit a copy of any variance application to the local planning commission which may send a recommendation to the board or appear as a party at the hearing.

To approve this variance request, the Board of Zoning Appeals must find the following:

1. That the strict application of the ordinance would produce undue hardship relating to the property;
2. That the hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning district and the same vicinity; and
3. That the authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property and that the character of the district will not be changed by the granting of the variance.

Additionally, the Board may impose such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed structure or use as it may deem necessary in the public interest, and may require a guarantee or bond to ensure that

the conditions imposed are being and will continue to be met. Joyful Light Ministries is seeking a recommendation from Planning Commission prior to scheduling a public hearing before Board of Zoning Appeals. No date has been set for public hearing at this time.

Should the Planning Commission choose to make a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals (a recommendation is not required), some potential motions are offered below:

Possible motions:

Approval

I move that Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the approval of the variance request for 148 Maynor Street, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070036900.

Conditional Approval

I move that Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the approval of the variance request for 148 Maynor Street, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070036900, with the following conditions: _____

Denial

I move that Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Zoning Appeals the denial of the variance request for 148 Maynor Street, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070036900.

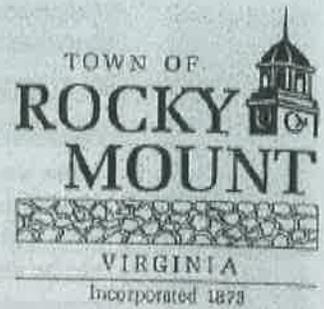
VARIANCE APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Kenny Tanks on behalf of Joyful Light Ministries

ADDRESS: 354 Franklin Street
Rocky Mount Va. 24151

PHONE: 540-489-3540



PROPERTY OWNER & PROPERTY INFORMATION

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: Kenny and Cynthia Tanks

MAILING ADDRESS: 2921 Tully Dr. Roanoke Va. 24019

EXACT LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY: 145 Maynor Street Rocky Mount, Va 24151

TAX MAP & PARCEL NUMBER: 207-00-369

CURRENT ZONING: R-1 R-2 R-3 RA RB POS C-1 C-2 CBD GB
RPUD M-1 M-2

CURRENT LAND USE: VACANT AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL

SIZE OF PROPERTY (ACRES/SQ.FT.): 0.940 Acre

SIZE OF PROPOSED VARIANCE REQUEST (ACRES/SQ.FT.): 8700 Sq. Ft.

IS ANY PORTION OF LOT IN FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOODWAY? Yes No

NATURE OF VARIANCE REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE REQUESTED VARIANCE:

We are asking for an extension, and phasing plan for completion of the paving of the parking area. This will allow time to evaluate the amount of storm water run-off and maintain the existing vegetation to help reduce the amount of run-off once the project is completed.

THERE ARE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS WHICH **MUST** BE MET IN ORDER TO HAVE A VARIANCE GRANTED. IN THE SPACES FOLLOWING EACH OF THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THIS CONDITION APPLIES TO THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.

1. DESCRIPTION OF "UNDUE HARDSHIP" (RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPERTY):

By paving the parking lot at this time would be a hardship to the existing natural vegetation and the additional vegetation that will be planted near the area in which the parking lot will be located. We feel that a gravel lot will protect water quality by reducing runoff and allow it to filter through to the vegetated areas. Paving will not allow moisture to be absorbed and a great quantity of run-off may occur on the main roadway.

NATURE OF VARIANCE REQUEST (CONTINUED)

2. HARDSHIP IS NOT SHARED GENERALLY BY OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT OR NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES (UNIQUE SITUATION):

There is a minimum amount of vegetation in the area and we feel that it should be preserved and left undisturbed for the purpose providing a buffer strip to reducing run-off and adding, beauty and value to the area. A gravel lot at this time will help preserve the vegetation until other provision can be made and run-off can be determined.

3. VARIANCE WILL NOT BE A SUBSTANTIAL DETRIMENT TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND THE CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT WILL NOT BE CHANGED:

No we believe that this variance will enhance the property by maintaining vegetation and not allow rain runoff in the main roadway. It will also be an asset to the adjoining grassy lot and vegetation.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

BY SIGNING BELOW, I/WE HEREBY APPLY FOR A VARIANCE AS DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION AND I/WE CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY/OUR KNOWLEDGE.

Kerry A. Jank 6/11/14
APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE

OWNER CERTIFICATION

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I AM AWARE OF THIS VARIANCE REQUEST AND I CONSENT TO THE REQUEST AS DESCRIBED ON THIS APPLICATION.

Kerry A. Jank 6/11/14
OWNER SIGNATURE DATE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ATTACHMENTS

- [X] SIZE AND SHAPE OF LAND
[X] SIZE AND SHAPE OF BUILDING/STRUCTURE IN RESPECT TO PROPERTY LINES
[X] PARKING SPACE(S) SHOWN IN RESPECT TO PROPERTY LINES/BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES
[X] RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ADJOINING LAND
[X] ADJACENT AND ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

FEE AMOUNT: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

[] CASH [] CHECK (CHECK NO. _____)

DATE TO BE HEARD BY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: _____

APPLICATION NO.: _____

I HEREBY APPROVE THIS APPLICATION AS PRESENTED, NOTING THAT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS ATTACHED ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THIS APPLICATION FOR REZONING.

CURRENT OWNER - J.L. PERDUE ESTATE
WILL BK 28, PG 435

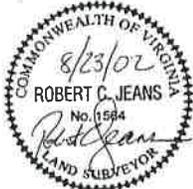
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REFERENCE - TAX No. 207-369

NOTES:
ALL IRON RODS SET ARE 5/8" REBAR.
THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND THEREFORE MAY NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES UPON THE PROPERTY.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (FLOOD ZONE "C")

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON AUG. 23, 2002, AN ACCURATE SURVEY WAS MADE OF THE PREMISES SHOWN HEREON AND THAT THERE ARE NO EASEMENTS OR ENCROACHMENTS VISIBLE ON THE GROUND OTHER THAN THOSE SHOWN.



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TAX No. 207-384

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DB 449, PG 1039
TAX No. 207-383

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TAX No. 207-388

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REMAINING PROPERTY OF
J. L. PERDUE ESTATE

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A PORTION OF
TAX No. 207-369
TO BE CONVEYED TO
JERRY WAYNE DILLON
WALTER BUFORD DILLON
AND COMBINED WITH
TAX No. 207-388

OWNER CERTIFICATE

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the subdivision as shown herein is with our free will and consent and that the old line as shown is to be vacated.

Owner: Jerry Wayne Dillon Date: 4/7/03
Owner: Walter Buford Dillon Date: 4/7/03
Walter Buford Dillon

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN
I, Kimberly Dawn Alley, a Notary Public
in and for the aforesaid State do hereby certify that Jerry Wayne Dillon
and Walter Buford Dillon, whose names are signed to the foregoing
writing, have personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same
in my aforesaid jurisdiction on this 7th day of April, 2003.
Kimberly Dawn Alley My Commission Expires 4/30/04
Notary Public



APPROVED

Town of Rocky Mount
Planning & Zoning
Supervisor
Date: 4/13/03

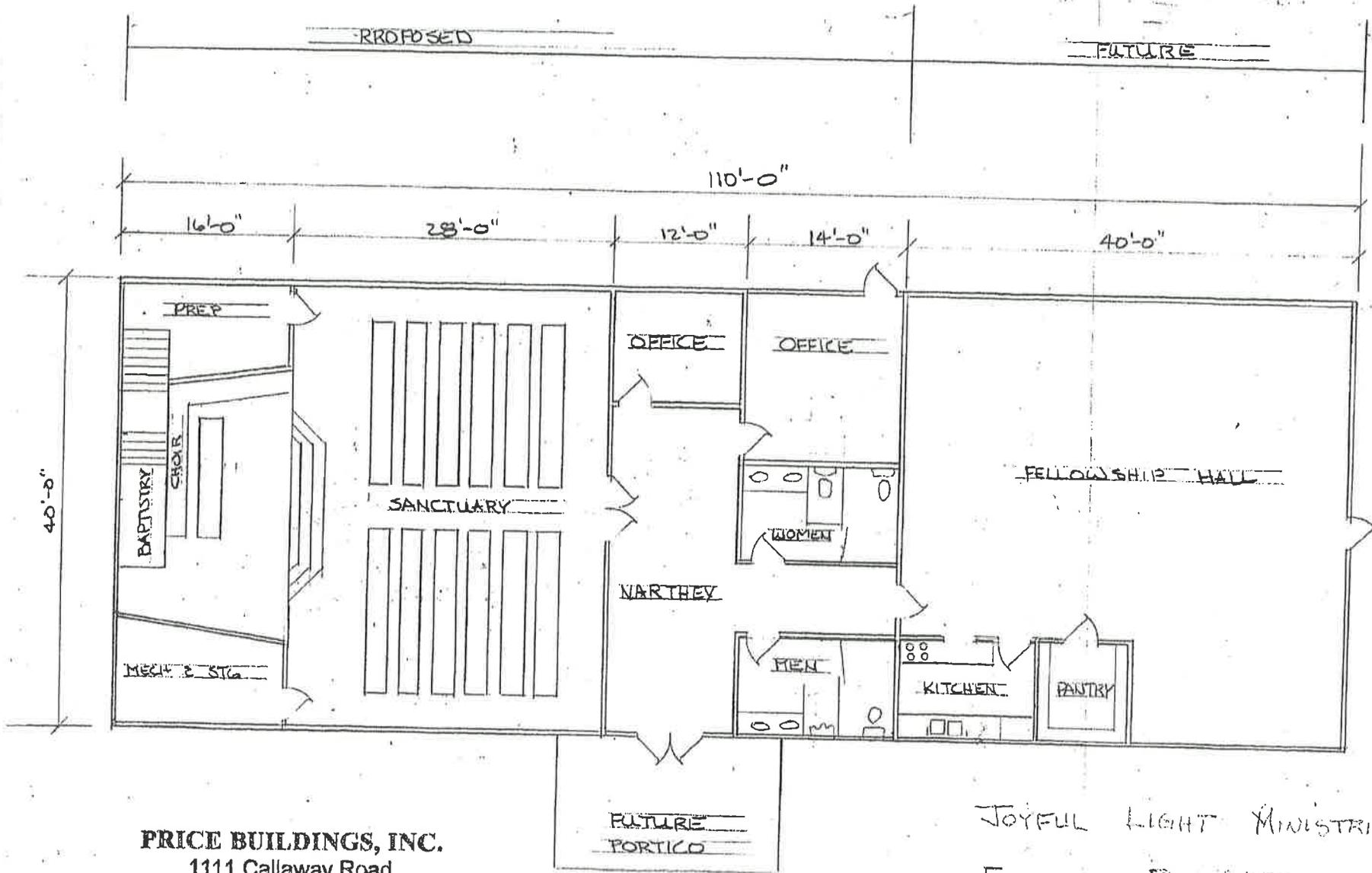
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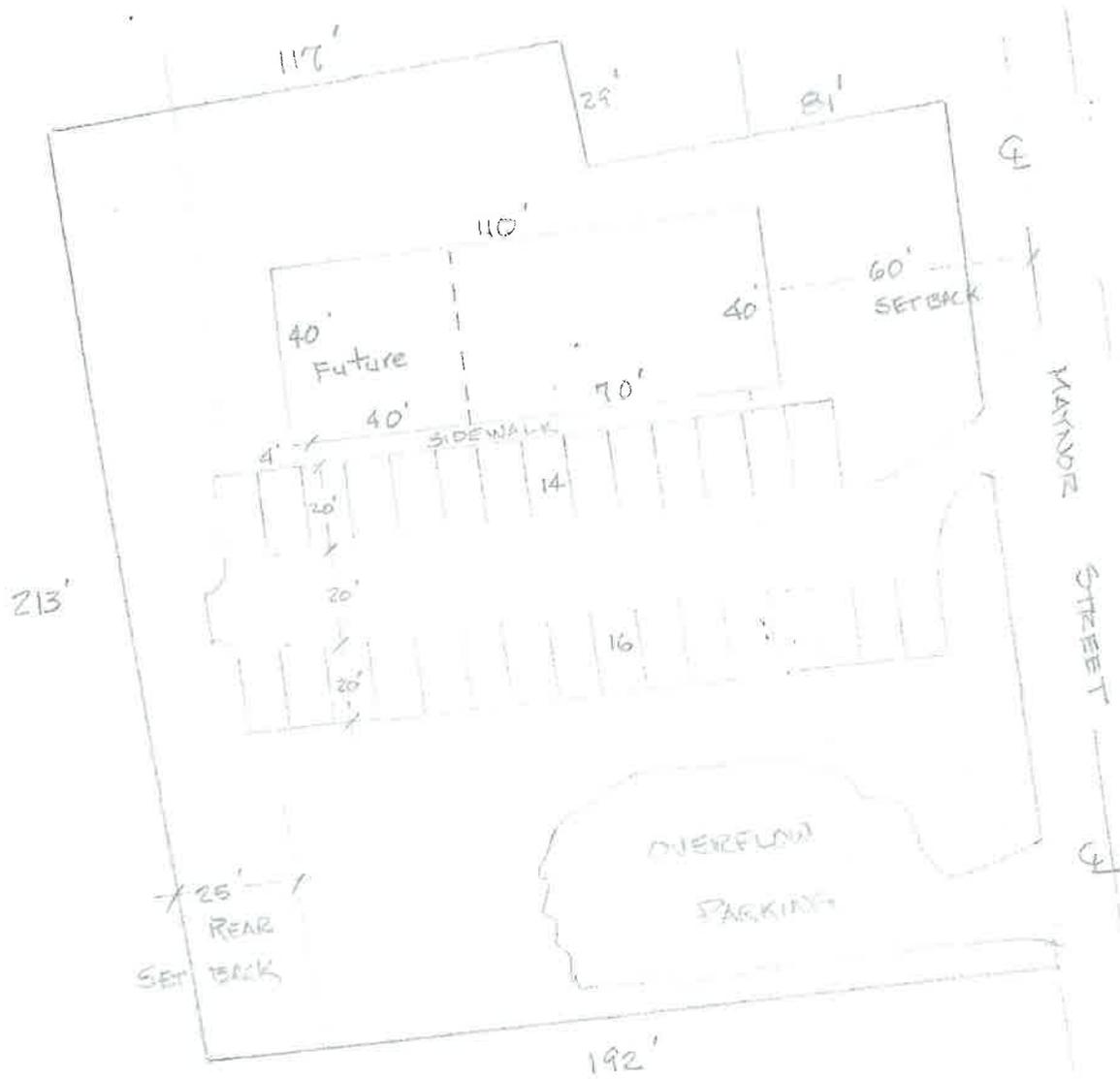
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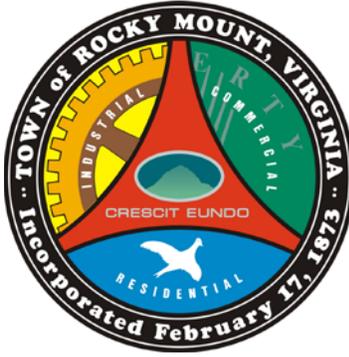
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MEMORANDUM

To: Janet Stockton, Chair
Planning Commissioners

From: Patrick Rust
Town Planner

Date: June 25, 2014

Re: Zoning Consideration of Urban Farming of "Backyard" Chickens

Planning Commissioners:

Over the past several years, staff has received numerous calls and inquiries from Town residents about the keeping of chickens in Town. Currently, Town Code only permits the keeping of chickens in Residential Agricultural-RA zoned areas; however, most of the requests and inquiries are from residents outside of RA zoned areas. Staff brought the issue before Town Council during its June 2014 meeting following a specific request from a citizen to keep chickens on his property. Town Council recommended that Planning Commission review the existing code and study the topic of allowing chickens in the Town of Rocky Mount.

Other nearby localities have made code amendments allowing the keeping of chickens in residential areas. Information will be available during the July meeting to compare and examine other localities' codes.