

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 2016  
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 May 4, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- John Speidel, Vice Chairman
- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member Ina Clements
- Member Derwin Hall
- Member John Tiggle

Commission Members Absent:

Member Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matt Hankins
- Town Planner Josh Gibson
- Planning Commission Clerk Jessica H. Heckman

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

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: **April 5, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

### NEW BUSINESS

Tourism Districts- Matt Hankins introduced designating tourism districts in Rocky Mount. He explained the benefits of having tourism districts. He suggested downtown and part of North Main Street as possibilities. He explained that it does not affect the current zoning in place. Josh Gibson added that it would be a non-regulatory overlay. An open discussion ensued about potential tourism districts and the benefits.

### Commission Concerns

Member John Tiggle questioned progress of the Marathon Oil gas station. Matthew Hankins informed Commission that they were given a completion estimate of late spring/early summer.

Member Derwin Hall questioned policy regarding blocking streets. Matt Hankins described procedures in place for allowing a street blockage.

### Staff Updates:

Josh Gibson gave an update on Wayfinding, including a slide show presentation of sign designs. An open discussion ensued regarding the project.

With no further business, Madame Chair Janet Stockton entertained a motion to adjourn.

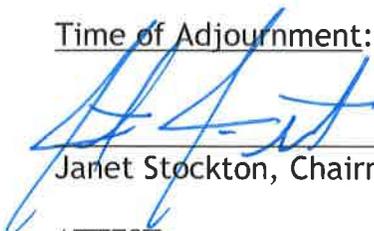
### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

  
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Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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