

TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 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 December 6, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

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: **November 1, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

NEW BUSINESS

Public Art

Planner Josh Gibson presented a Public Art Summary to be pursued in 2017. The summary described three potential projects including Loveworks, Storm Drain Murals and Wall Murals. Mr. Gibson provided examples and discussed the benefits of each project. He asked the Commission for their thoughts on the projects and whether they felt it should move forward. The consensus of the Commission was to move forward.

2017 Calendar

Matt Hankins presented the proposed Planning Commission meeting dates for 2017 for the Commission to review. The meeting date proposed for November was changed to the following date of November 8th due to Election Day.

Motion: To approve the calendar with the changes noted.

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Commission Concerns

Matt Hankins discussed the issues reported with the traffic light at AEP. He noted we are waiting for pricing. He stated cameras would likely be installed to help with the issues at that light.

Jerry Greer discussed a meeting he went to at West Piedmont with Morgan Griffin, he stated that it was noted that the pull for industries to come into Virginia is schools, parks and recreation and breweries. He further suggested a brewery in Rocky Mount would be a draw for industry. Mr. Hankins advised the Commission the town is still actively seeking a brewery for Rocky Mount.

Madame Chair Stockton expressed concerns about skateboarding in town. A brief discussion ensued.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins discussed a recent visit to the new Hometown Ice location.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:57 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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