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## PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROCKY MOUNT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
345 DONALD AVENUE, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA

### Call to Order and Welcome

- I. Roll Call of Members Present
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Review and Consideration of Minutes
  - a. December 6, 2016 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Transportation Planning
- V. Commissioner Concerns
- VI. Staff Updates
  - a. Wayfinding
  - b. Floyd Intersection Update
- VII. Adjournment

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:

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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*Town Planner*

## MEMORANDUM

To:            Planning Commission  
From:        Josh Gibson, Town Planner  
Date:        December 29, 2016  
Re:           **Transportation Project Planning - Update**

In the 2007 Town of Rocky Mount Comprehensive Plan, an appendix was completed called the *Rocky Mount 2020 Transportation Plan*. Several road projects and priorities were laid out, many of which have been realized over the past several years.

Now that the new comprehensive plan is in place, we have begun the process of developing a similar but simpler addendum to the *2035 Comprehensive Plan* update. Considering the realities of transportation funding facing the town, developing a plan for project implementation in the next 5-15 years will be critical to ensure we are maximizing our own transportation dollars and our ability to compete for state dollars.

The recent news from VDOT that we will have access to additional funds “left over” from a previous project was a good reminder that maintaining a prioritization of road projects is a good practice. We should aim to develop a clearer picture of our transportation priorities as a town, even if they change some and need modification on an annual basis.

The list below includes short-term and long-term transportation needs as laid out in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan addendum (*Rocky Mount 2020 Transportation Plan*) for discussion at the January Planning Commission meeting.

# ROCKY MOUNT 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS

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## PHASE I: BASE YEAR RECCOMENDATIONS (1999)

- Pell/Tanyard
  - o Safety improvements, signage, no right on red
- Main Street/State St/Grassy Hill Rd
  - o Warning signage
- Rte 40/Rte220
  - o Signalize ramps

## PHASE II: INTERIM RECCOMENDATIONS (2010)

- Franklin St/Floyd Ave
  - o Install traffic signal due to high accident rate
- Rte 40 Downtown (Floyd Ave to State St)
  - o Traffic signal installation and coordination
- Rte 40 West (Floyd Ave to Town Limits)
  - o Widen to 4 lanes (in 6-year plan)
- Tanyard Road at Wray St near FCHS
  - o Install traffic signal into high school due to high accident rate

## PHASE III: FUTURE RECCOMENDATIONS (2020)

- Rte 40 Bypass
  - o 4-lane highway to relieve traffic in downtown Rocky Mount, located northwest of Town
- Diamond Ave
  - o Alternative access and upgrades; connect to Rte 40 bypass
- Scuffling Hill Improvements
  - o Curb, gutter and sidewalks (remaining two-lane); straighten the town sections
- Tanyard Road Extended
  - o Correct offset at Angle bridge and extend two-lane connector to Main Street

## LOCAL PROJECTS:

- School Board Rd/Bernard Train Tracks
  - o Improve substandard underpass and widen road
- Court Street from Donald East
  - o Overall improvements to meet urban two-lane standards

## STAFF ADDITIONS for 2017:

- Pell/Tanyard/Perdue intersection improvement and realignment at FCHS
- Floyd to Dent Sidewalks
- Bernard Road Sidewalks
- Scuffling Hill Rd Sidewalks
- Rte 122/40 Intersection
- Uptown Floyd Intersection
- Perdue Lane Improvements
- School Board Rd Improvements (near 40 East)