

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2017
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 February 7, 2017, 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 Bud Blanchard
- Member Ina Clements

Staff Members Present:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Bud 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: **January 3, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Vice Chair John Speidel

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Planning

Josh Gibson advised the Commission that the Town's Angle Bridge project has been chosen as one of the funded projects by VDOT. He noted it is slated to be funded in seven years. He further stated it is important we keep our project on the list of funded projects by attending the spring meetings to show strong support. An open discussion ensued.

Josh presented a list of Transportation priorities and potential phases to add to the Comprehensive plan. He noted we would have a public hearing in the coming months to add a transportation plan to the Comprehensive plan. An open discussion ensued.

Commission Concerns

Derwin Hall suggested we schedule a Planning Commission Work-session. The Commission agreed to have a work session in March.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins updated the Commission on potential new restaurants in town. He also updated the Commission on other potential developments in town.

Matt advised the Commission that Radio Shack has closed and the goal is to get someone back in the shopping center as soon as possible.

Matt updated the Commission on the potential for new automated trash collection. He presented the types of trash cans and gave a brief presentation on the benefits an automated trash collection would provide. An open discussion ensued.

Matt advised the Commission of a community meeting on February 22nd at Woodlawn Baptist Church to hear from citizens. An open discussion ensued.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Derwin Hall

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 7:16 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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