

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 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 March 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 Bud Blanchard
- Member Ina Clements
- 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 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: **February 7, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Commission Concerns

John Tiggle asked what was being done on the traffic light at AEP. Planner Josh Gibson advised estimates have been requested and he will update once he receives the estimate and a decision has been made on what to do at that light.

Derwin Hall asked about the intersection at Floyd and Franklin. Josh Gibson advised the Town should receive concepts this week and they will be presented as soon as they are received. An open discussion ensued.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins updated the Commission on potential new restaurants and businesses in town. He also updated the Commission on a potential housing development in town. An open discussion ensued.

With no further business, Madame Chair Janet Stockton recessed the meeting to hold a work-session.

Review of Worksession:

- Trails
 - Create handout/brochure that can be accessed on Town website
 - Establish walking trails/establish bike trails
- Parks
 - Connecting Parks (Town & County)
 - Create a Parks & Recreation Plan
 - Possible amphitheater
- Possible Pub Run
 - Between Ippys and the Harvester or other restaurant
 - Coordinate with County
- Farmers Market
 - Underutilized as a community space
 - Host more events
 - Create a first Fridays type event
 - Better communication of events held at market to citizens via webpage or other means

- Transportation Plan updates
 - Reviewed changes
 - Added traffic study of Route 40 West

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

JHH/