

TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 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 May 2, 2017, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member Jerry W. Greer, Sr.

Staff Members Present:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Member Ina Clements

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 4, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

New Business

GRIDSMART Traffic Detection Presentation

Planner Josh Gibson gave a brief presentation on the new GRIDSMART Traffic Detection system the town has installed at three intersections. They are currently at North Main/State/Grassy Hill, Dent Street/40 West, and Market Place Drive/Old Franklin Turnpike. Josh described the components of the traffic detection system and the benefits the system provides. An open discussion ensued.

Derelict Properties

Matt Hankins discussed the Town's current program for handling nuisance properties. He then presented an article about Norfolk's derelict structure ordinance. He asked the Commission to read it and bring forward any thoughts or ideas they have moving forward with nuisance properties. An open discussion ensued.

Commission Concerns

Madame Chair Stockton commended Planner Josh Gibson for all the work he has done for the town, and thanked him for his service. Matt Hankins also spoke highly of Josh and expressed the town's appreciation for all of his hard work.

Ina Clements asked about the Bootlegger location. Matt Hankins stated he has not heard anything concrete on that location at this time. An open discussion ensued.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins updated the commission on the new Carilion office. He also advised that Town Council has asked him to try to recruit a new grocery store.

Derwin Hall asked about the brewery that was considering Rocky Mount. Matt advised they have decided not to expand at this time.

Matt updated the commission on other downtown properties that have potential for development.

Matt also informed the commission about the Social Services Department potentially moving to the Schewel's Plaza.

Derwin Hall asked Matt Hankins if he had any updates on the Industrial Park. Matt informed him that we were able to reduce our obligation to VDOT by getting another tenant's investment qualified. He also informed commission we have been given another four years to find a tenant for the Cox Property.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:59 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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