

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 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 August 1, 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 Bud Blanchard
- Member Jerry W. Greer, Sr.

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matt Hankins
- Planner/Acting Planning Commission Clerk Jessica Heckman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member 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: **July 5, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Janet Stockton recessed the regular meeting to hold a work-session

Work-session

Matt Hankins advised the commission of the suggestion from Council Member Newbill to research other localities industrial lot size requirements. Town Planner Jessica Heckman researched neighboring localities and presented the data to the commission. An open discussion ensued. After discussion it was decided not to proceed with minimum lot requirements at this time.

Commissioner Concerns

Janet Stockton asked for an update on the Bootleggers location. Matt Hankins advised the commission that the owner will be opening a new restaurant with a new music theme, called B-Sides. An open discussion ensued.

Jerry Greer commented he recently visited Floyd and felt like we are not providing the atmosphere and service that we could downtown with the Harvester. An open discussion ensued.

Janet Stockton asked about the old bank building behind Carter Bank & Trust. Matt advised Carter Bank was renovating it to create a training center.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins updated the Commission on the status of the new Carilion building, Buddy's BBQ opening, and noted only there are only a few empty storefronts in Rocky Mount Plaza. He advised the commission that the Farmers Market is now accepting SNAP via tokens that may be purchased at Andy Turners bookkeeping office. Matt advised we will need to bid out our Farmers Market management to be in compliance with procurement.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:44 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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