

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2018
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 7, 2018, 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 John Tiggle
- Member Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins
- Town Planner Jessica Heckman
- Planning Commission Clerk Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Jerry Greer

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:

June 5 2018- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Derwin Hall

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Public Hearing

325 Franklin St, LLC is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a hotel and community room on property located at 325 FRANKLIN STREET ROCKY MOUNT, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070103300 in the Central Business District. The applicant intends to open a new business that includes a restaurant on the first floor and the community room and hotel on the second and third floors. This use is not considered in the Town zoning ordinance for central business district properties.

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report.

Phillip Bain, applicant spoke about his idea for the building and his goals for making it a restaurant and hotel.

Members asked questions about the expected timeline, layout of the building, restaurant proposed, and who would manage the businesses.

Betty Kingery, 195 South Main Street Rocky Mount, spoke in favor of the development of the building, indicating that downtown businesses need to be filled.

An open discussion ensued.

Hearing no further comments Madame Chair Janet Stockton asked for a motion.

Motion: Recommend that Town Council approve the Special Exception/Use Permit to operate a restaurant and hotel located at 325 Franklin Street Rocky Mount, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070103300.

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

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

Review of Work session:

Planning commission members held a brief work session to discuss the following issues:

- Street naming - after discussion, the commission decided to not make any recommendations at this time.
- Tethering animals - advised staff to research current procedure in the county and nearby localities.
- Inoperable cars - recommended new language be presented to define "Covered car".

Staff Updates:

Town Planner Jessica Heckman gave an update on Love Works, Movies at the Market, and a possible Big Lick Festival.

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: 6:49 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk