

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 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 November 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 John Tiggle
- Member Bud Blanchard
- 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 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:

October 2, 2018- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Bud Blanchard

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Joint Work Session

Planning Commission member Derwin Hall, attended the EDA meeting on October 30, 2018 an extended an invitation for a Joint Work Session with Planning Commission and EDA members to be held during Planning Commissions regular monthly meeting. EDA agreed and voted to hold Joint Work Session on December 4, 2018.

Motion: To hold a joint work session with EDA on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 during the regular Planning Commission meeting.

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Review of Work session:

Town Planner and Planning Commission members reviewed sections of the Comprehensive Plan and agreed on strategies to begin focusing on such as:

- Greenways & Trails Page 66, Strategy 5
- Shopping Center Revitalization Page 66, Strategy 3
- Main Street Revitalization Opportunities Page 67, Strategy 3

Commissioner Concerns

Commission members asked for an update on the restaurant/ hotel downtown, the store beside the Hub at stop light, and the old Thompson Tire building.

Staff Updates:

Town Planner Jessica Heckman gave an update on the plans for McDonalds to change the drive thru to contain 2 lanes, and renovations at Sheetz.

Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins gave an update on the expansion of Empire Foods & Hometown Ice, and the development of a "mini automotive village" to include a garage, Absolute Collision, Better Built Performance.

Matthew Hankins also gave an update of the Cox Property with the possibility of an Industrial Incubator to hold new small businesses in Rocky Mount in a shared environment.

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: 7:08 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk