

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2019
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 February 5, 2019, 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 Greer

Staff Members Present:

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

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:

January 8, 2019- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Public Hearing

V2 Holdings LLC is requesting a Special Exception/Use Permit for a mini-warehouse use on property located at 335 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE ROCKY MOUNT, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040012904B. The applicant intends to convert approximately 6,000 square feet of the existing Jammin Apparel manufacturing and warehouse building into a controlled access unit that contains individual stalls or lockers for the storage of customer's goods or wares in a controlled environment with no changes to the outside character of the property. The property is zoned C2 (Commercial Office).

Town Attorney John Boitnott addressed Planning Commission and informed them that he represented both the Town and the applicant and feels there is no conflict as such. He agreed to answer any questions they might have.

Jessica Heckman Town Planner presented the Staff Report.

Planning Commission members asked the applicant about business hours, lighting, security cameras, and how long they have been at the location.

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 allow a mini-warehouse use on property located at 335 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE ROCKY MOUNT, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040012904B.

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

New Business

Planning Commission was presented with a rough draft of the 2018 Annual Report and asked to provide input by the middle of the month so a final copy can be presented at the next meeting.

Commissioner Concerns

Planning Commission member Bud Blanchard asked about the damage to the Artisan Center on Franklin Street. Matthew Hankins stated that the intent was to reuse the brick that was lying on the sidewalk also looking into ways to protect the curve and provide safety for pedestrians.

Staff Updates:

Matthew Hankins informed the commission that O'Reilly Auto Parts has submitted site plans. He also provided an update on the industrial expansion on Weaver Street, site plans for the Franklin County Animal Shelter, VDOT Angle Bridge realignment project, FEMA storm response on School Board Road, and renovations to Arby's & another local franchise.

Jessica Heckman gave an update of the plans that were submitted by Phillip Bain for 325 Franklin Street LLC first Phase. She also informed the commission that Elite Ironworks has begun working on the Love Works sign.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:23 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk