

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2020
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 January 7, 2020, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

- Member Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present:

- Town Planner, Jessica H. Heckman
- Planning Commission Clerk, Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: There were no corrections

Motion: To approve the agenda

Motion By: Commission Member Ina Clements

Second: Commission 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:

December 3, 2019- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Second: Commission Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

NEW BUSINESS

Ryan Klopf the Mountain Region Steward & Regional Supervisor and his colleague Wes Paulos from the Virginia Natural Heritage Program spoke about the Bald Knob Preserve. They discussed plant and animal heritage of the area, the rare moss, Piedmont Mafic Barren and rock, and how Bald Knob and Grassy Hill are 2 of the 5 locations that the Piedmont Flame Flower is located. The speakers spoke about the different tiers in developing a natural preserve the planning process and maintenance of the properties and how the Town and citizens can contribute to developing the preserves.

STAFF UPDATES

Mrs. Heckman provided the following staff update:

- Ribbon cutting at Empire Bakery on January 31, 2020
- Wayfinding
- Inoperable vehicle inspections

BUSINESS FOR UPCOMING MONTHS

- Vaping
- Skills Machines

Chairman Stockton hearing no further comments entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Commission Member Ina Clements

Second: Commsission Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:48 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk