

ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
AND
PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT WORK SESSION
MARCH 8, 2007

The Rocky Mount Town Council and the Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia held a joint work session at the Municipal Building on March 8, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Let the record show that at the time the meeting started, Mayor Steven C. Angle was not present; therefore, Vice Mayor Seale and Chair Janet Stockton called the meeting to order. Let the record further show that Mayor Steven C. Angle arrived around 4:15 p.m. and presided over the meeting on behalf of the Rocky Mount Town Council, along with Chair Janet Stockton on behalf of the Planning Commission.

The following members were present:

On behalf of the Rocky Mount Town Council: Mayor Steven C. Angle, Vice Mayor Roger M. Seale, and Council Members Stephen F. Agee, Posey W. Dillon, Jerry W. Greer, Sr., John H. Lester and Sadie W. Tuning

On behalf of the Planning Commission: Chair Janet Stockton, Vice Chair John Speidel, and Planning Commission Members Ina Clements, Jerry W. Greer, Sr., and John Tiggle

Let the record show that Planning Commission Member A. Milton Arrington and Derwin Hall were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Seale and Chair Stockton.

The Town Clerk read for the record the following being present:

All members of Town Council as noted, Planning Commission members as noted, Interim Town Manager Jack Gross, Finance Director Linda Woody, Planning & Zoning Administrator Paul Stockwell, Town Attorney John Boitnott, and Town Clerk Patricia Keatts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On behalf of the Rocky Mount Town Council, motion was made by Council Member Greer and on behalf of the Planning Commission, Vice Chair Speidel, to approve the agenda as presented, with the motion on the floor being carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF DRAFT TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Planning & Zoning Administrator came before the Council and Planning Commission referencing the work plan sheets that were given to each participant to review and comment on regarding the draft Town of Rocky Mount Comprehensive Plan. As a point of summary, the following is a breakdown of what was changed or added per discussion with the Rocky Mount Town Council and Planning Commission:

- Abstract
 - No additions or corrections.
- Executive Summary
 - No additions or corrections.
- Use of the Plan
 - No additions or corrections.
- Brief History of Rocky Mount
 - No additions or corrections.
- Population and Land Use
 - No additions or corrections.
- Natural Environment
 - “Action Strategies”, noted changes:
 - Page 61: “Continue to enforce the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ordinance to control the siting of facilities to “location of facilities.”
 - Page 62: Add “Work with County to develop Bald Knob as a conservation area with hiking trails.”
- Economic Development
 - “Background” on page 72, noted change: Add “The Franklin County Board of Supervisors has presently postponed plans for the construction of the airport”.
 - “Issues and Opportunities” on page 74, noted changes:
 - Add “Rocky Mount provides police, fire, and other protection services.”
 - Change “Gateway to the Crooked Road Music Trail” to “Eastern Gateway to the Crooked Road Music Trail.”
 - Change “Center for Advanced Training and Career Exploration” to “Gereau Center for Applied Technology and Career Exploration”.
 - “Action Strategies”, noted changes:
 - Page 76: Add “Work towards the development of a music venue in conjunction with festivals and the Crooked Road Music Trail.”
 - Page 76: Add “Encourage local higher educational institutions to add a

- heritage music program to their curriculum.”
- Page 77: Add “Promote the use of broadband, fiber-optic, and other available technologies.”
- Community Facilities and Services
 - “Broadband” on page 85, noted change: Add “The Town will continue to provide conduit space during the creation and maintenance of utility infrastructure.”
 - “Fire Protection” on page 87, noted change: Change “ISO classification for Rocky Mount is five” to “six”; Add “This classification extends to within five miles of fire stations. The classification benefits numerous county residents, decreasing their homeowner’s insurance rates. In addition, numerous fire hydrants are located outside of Town limits within the county as well.”
 - “Community Services” on page 89, noted change: Add “Stepping Stone Mission.”
 - “Recreational Facilities” on page 91, noted change: Change “CATCE” to “Gereau Center”.
 - “Civic and Religious Services” on page 96, noted changes:
 - Change “Religious Services” to “Religious Organizations”.
 - Add “Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)”.
 - “Action Strategies” on page 103, noted change: Add “Develop venue for heritage music and festival activities.”
- Cultural and Historic Resources
 - “Objectives” on page 108, noted change: Add “Encourage travelers from Blue Ridge Parkway via Shooting Creek Road or Five Mile Road.”
 - “Action Strategies” on page 109, noted change: Add “Advertise in brochures that market to Blue Ridge Parkway travelers.”
- Housing
 - “Objectives” on page 116: Add “Encourage Central Business District Housing above retail stores and offices.”
 - “Action Strategies” on page 177: Add “Establish areas that permit retirement housing through the Zoning Ordinance.”
- Transportation
 - No additions or corrections.
- Implementation
 - No additions or corrections.

The Rocky Mount Town Council and Planning Commission thanked the Planning & Zoning Administrator for a job well done in putting together the information for the work session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor and Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

At 6:33 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Greer and Planning Commission Member Tiggle to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Tuning and Vice Chair Speidel and carried unanimously.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor
Rocky Mount Town Council

Janet Stockton, Chair
Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Keatts, Town Clerk

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