

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2021
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 5, 2021, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- Member Ina Clements
- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member John Tiggle
- Member Derwin Hall
- Member Jerry Greer
- Vice Chairman John Speidel joined the meeting via conference phone

Staff Members Present:

- Town Planner/Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jessica H. Heckman
- Town Attorney John Boitnott
- Planning Commission Clerk, Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the 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, the Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

**November 4, 2020-Regular Meeting Minutes-With Additions
December 1, 2020-Regular Meeting Minutes**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Public Hearings

The applicant, Lucky Dog Auction Company is requesting a Special Exception/Use Permit to operate an auction house at 770 Cornell Road, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2010009500. The subject property is zoned GB (General Business). This use is a use by special exception.

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report. Applicant, Phillip Via discussed the plans for the property and asked if there were any questions.

Madame Chair Janet Stockton asked about parking for the business. Mr. Via stated most customers are there for approximately thirty-minutes for pickup which will be at the lower building. Member Bud Blanchard asked about the lighting and fencing. Mr. Via informed members that he intends to add lighting and fencing to help with security and screening of the property. Members commented that the work that has already been done is a big improvement and look forward to seeing what else he has planned for the property.

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

Motion: Recommend that Town Council approve the Special Exception/Use Permit to allow Lucky Dog Auction house to open at 770 Cornell Road.

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

After the public hearing Member Jerry Greer asked about parking lot requirements. Town Planner Jessica Heckman stated he is working on the parking lot and will be required to have a hard surface. Members Jerry Greer and Derwin Hall discussed the church parking lot on Diamond Avenue and the requirements they had.

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINSTRATOR

News

- Economic Development Director was in the 40 under 40
- Channel 10 came out and did an article about The Grand at 290, Ultimate Shine Carwash, and the Franklin Street auto opening recently
- Rocky Mount was voted #2 Christmas getaway in America.

- Received over 200 letters for Santa

Crosswalks

- Received \$4,000 grant to help with signage and additional features to help with visibility of crosswalks.

Other

- Received \$10,000 tourism grant, geared towards tourism recovery after the pandemic.
- Staff added apps on the tablets for zoning ordinance and escribe and will begin training with members soon.
- Received a submission from Phillip Bain for 325 Franklin Street and is in review process.
- Old Tuttle's Exxon building is continuing with the remodel and applied for a variance.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:22 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk

