

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 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 March 2, 2021, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member John Tiggle
- Member Ina Clements
- 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
- Planning Commission Clerk, Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Bud Blanchard

Second: Member Derwin Hall

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:

February 2, 2021-Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Member John Tiggie

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINSTRATOR

Town Planner Jessica Heckman gave updates on

- Informed the members that they should expect a public hearing for the next meeting if the applicant submits in time
- Carilion is submitting a site plan for the expansion here at hospital that was paused due to covid
- Potential development at 591 Old Franklin Turnpike is moving forward
- Unique Memories and Get Baked have located near the old Quiznos
- Franklin Finance has relocated to the Eagle Plaza
- Buddy's BBQ has begun work on the former Hardees building
- Received the grant for Celeste Park for development
- Farmers Market is set to reopen on April 3rd

An open discussion ensued.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Member Derwin Hall gave an update from the Ordinance Review Committee that was held on February 2 & February 25. He updated other members that the committee had agreed on changes to eliminate language in the ordinance related to content that was outdated.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Planner Jessica Heckman discussed the proposed revisions to the sign ordinance. She further noted, the next step would be to work with town attorney to draft an amendment for formal recommendation to council after the approval of planning commission and holding the appropriate public hearings. She asked the members to take home and review the changes and email comments to her. An open discussion ensued.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Derwin Hall

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:25 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk

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