

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 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 May 4, 2021, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member John Tiggie
- 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
- Town Attorney, John Boitnott

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: 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, the Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

April 6, 2021-Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

PUBLIC HEARING

Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital

The applicant, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, requests a rezoning of two parcels located at 55 Taliaferro Street and 75 Taliaferro Street, Rocky Mount, Virginia, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2070052900 / 2070052800, from Residential (R1) to Central Business District (CBD) in order to combine the two parcels with their adjoining property creating one parcel.

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report and proffers offered by Carilion and are attached to the minutes. Carl Cline from Carilion Memorial Hospital came forward and described updates that were needed at the hospital to help it grow and become more utilized. He stated the houses were taken down and cleaned up to help improve the property due to mold, asbestos, contaminated soils, and removal of possible dangerous wildlife. He described the expansion and expanded services they would be able to offer.

Planning Commission Member Bud Blanchard asked about the laydown lot entrance on Taliaferro Street and Carl Cline stated that would not be an entrance and Jessica mentioned that is included in one of the proffers offered.

Planning Commission members were given a memo from Margaret Bisnett, 70 Taliaferro Street, that discussed some concerns, and a copy of a letter from Dixie Shearer of 60 Taliaferro Street addressing her concerns.

Margaret Bisnett, 70 Taliaferro Street, had concerns and about the view from her home, asked for vegetation & trees instead of temporary screening and a 100ft setback be in place, she also asked there to be no access from Taliaferro Street, and for Carilion to be more neighborly and consider the neighbors concerns.

Liz Parcell, 260 Avalon Drive, commented on proffers, requested at least a 100ft setback and maybe a sidewalk and fence, and adding conditions to the request. Recommended tabling the application.

Bob Parcell, 260 Avalon Drive, requested that members look at the fence that already exists at Hillcrest and to not let the condition be like that one and possibly use a different type of fencing/ screening, commented on the house that were taken down.

C. Holland Perdue III, 85 Taliaferro Street, spoke in favor of the application. He stated he is the adjoining property to the one in question and has had an excellent experience with working with Carilion so far. Sees no trouble with what Carilion is proposing just asks that no future helipad be placed there.

Planning Commission Member Derwin Hall reminded citizens that people with question and suggestions for proffers can get with Carilion that the Planning Commission body is not an approving body just a body that makes a recommendation to Town Council. Planning Commission member Jerry Greer asked about sidewalks, Town Planner Jessica Heckman stated that is a process in site plan review.

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

Jerry Greer made a motion to deny the request hearing no second Madame Chair declared the motion lost and asked members for another motion. Discussion continued about traffic and the neighborhood.

Motion: To recommend that Town Council approve the rezoning of two parcels located at 55 Taliaferro Street and 75 Taliaferro Street, Rocky Mount, Virginia, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2070052900 / 2070052800, from Residential (R1) to Central Business District (CBD) with proffers offered by Carilion.

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved with a vote of 5-2

Roll Call Vote:

Member Bud Blanchard: Yes

Member Jerry Greer: No

Member Ina Clements: No

Member Derwin Hall: Yes

Member John Tiggle: Yes

Vice Chair John Speidel: Yes

Madame Chair Janet Stockton: Yes

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINSTRATOR

Town Planner Jessica Heckman gave updates on

- Working on Sign Ordinance with Town Attorney
- Reviewing
 - o Commercial Vehicle Ordinance
 - o Marijuana Legislation
 - o Home Occupation

An open discussion ensued.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk