

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 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 September 7, 2021, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Chair, Janet Stockton
- Member Bud Blanchard
- Member Jerry Greer
- Member Ina Clements
- Member Derwin Hall

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:

August 3, 2021-Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Bud Blanchard

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report. According to the provisions of §15.2-1433 and 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the purpose of the public hearing is to consider an ordinance amending the Town of Rocky Mount Zoning and Development Ordinance relating to height regulations in Residential District RA, Residential District R1, Residential District R2, and Residential District RPUD. The proposed changes do not involve changes in the zoning map classifications of any parcels. The proposed changes will allow buildings to be erected up to 35' in height from street grade or lot grade at setback line, whichever is greater. An open discussion ensued.

Motion: Recommend that Town Council approve the provision as stated to allow buildings to be erected up to 35' in height from street grade or lot grade at setback line, whichever is greater.

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Town Planner Jessica Heckman gave updates on

- Branding for the Town did roll out link was emailed
- Starbucks is still moving forward; they altered their storm water plans so that pushed the process back a little
- Harvester reopened
- Oaks at Rakes Tavern is supposed to submit Phase 3 plans
- Center Stage construction has begun
- Community Hospitality Center plans to open soon
- Sidewalk Sale is 9-25-21

- Staff is currently reviewing proposals for new website
- Public hearing next month for tow yard

An open discussion ensued.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Member Bud Blanchard and Jessica Heckman updated members on the discussion regarding definitions for home occupations and commercial vehicle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk

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