

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

Commission Members Present:

- Chair, Janet Stockton
- Member Ina Clements
- Member Derwin Hall
- Member John Tiggle
- Member Jerry Greer (in at 6:06 pm)
- Vice Chairman, Johns Speidel via phone

Staff Members Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Pinkard, 125 Riverview Street Rocky Mount, VA addressed members of the Planning Commission in regards to his concerns with utility trailers being parked in residential areas around Town.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member John Tiggle

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 3, 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 HEARINGS

None at this time

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Zoning Administrator Jessica Heckman advised members that Town Council approved the recommendation for the home occupation and commercial vehicle ordinance amendments but expressed concerns regarding utility trailers. She further noted Council felt it may be too restrictive for citizens and asked Planning to review again and bring back to Council. An open discussion ensued in regards to utility trailers and school buses, and enforcement of the ordinance. Planning Commission members decided to leave the amendment as approved for now.

Ms. Heckman also provided the following updates:

- Starbucks development will be breaking ground soon
- New Town Website is moving right along
- Wayfinding and Branding have been moving forward
- First review of site plan for Metro Express has been reviewed
- Buddy's & Twin Creeks were finalist in the Best of Blue Ridge and you still have time to go vote for them
- Working on Agenda Management software to replace Escribe
- Buddy's is adding roof to outdoor patio area

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None at this time

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Member John Tiggie

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:28 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Clerk