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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Monday, November 16, 2020

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

This meeting will be held through electronic participation means

This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as amended. This meeting will be open to participation through electronic communication means by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public.

Most, if not all, Planning Commission members and other staff will participate in this meeting by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. Those who may be assembling for this meeting will do so in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Special Guidelines for Public Access and Citizen Participation:

To access or participate, or both, in the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., you have several options outlined in the following document:

1. [PDRPRES
2020.068](#)

Attachments: [Public Access and Participation Instructions - Planning Commission
11/16/20](#)

Citizens are encouraged to provide their comments in writing to PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com in lieu of speaking through audio or video means during the meeting.

When submitting your comments by email, be sure to include in your email (i) your full legal name, (ii) any organizations you represent, and (iii) any economic or professional relationships that would be affected by the adoption of the legislation on which you are commenting.

The person responsible for receiving written comments is Matthew J. Ebinger, Secretary to the Planning Commission.

All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020, will be provided to all members of the Planning Commission prior to the beginning of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting.

Call To Order

Mr. Poole called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

NOTE: Commissioner Lenora Reid was also in attendance.

- Present 8 - * Chair Rodney Poole, * Vice Chair Melvin Law, * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, and * Commissioner Ellen Robertson

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present. He also congratulated Ms. Robertson on her re-election to City Council.

Approval of Minutes

- 2. [PDRMIN 2020.023](#)

Attachments: [Draft CPC Minutes, Sep 8, 2020 Meeting](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 9 - * Chair Rodney Poole, * Vice Chair Melvin Law, * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Lenora Reid and * Commissioner Ellen Robertson

Director's Report

- Richmond 300 Update

Mr. Mark Olinger stated tomorrow at 1:00 pm the Land Use Housing and Transportation Committee, as the referral body for Richmond 300, will be having a public hearing on the plan.

- Council Action Update

Mr. Ebinger provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its November 9, 2020 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

There were no continuances or deletions from the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing: No one spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 9 - * Chair Rodney Poole, * Vice Chair Melvin Law, * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Lenora Reid and * Commissioner Ellen Robertson

3. [UDC 2020-17](#)

- Attachments:** [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Location & Plans](#)

Title: Final location, character, and extent review of Warwick Road Maintenance Facility Improvements; 6120 Warwick Road

This Location, Character and Extent Item was approved.

The consent agenda consists of items that appear relatively non-controversial in nature and for which there was no known opposition at the time this agenda was set. The Consent Agenda items will be considered by the Commission as a group, and there will be a single combined staff presentation and a single combined public hearing held for all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Regular Agenda

4. [ORD. 2020-217](#)

To close to public travel certain medians located in Monument Avenue and North Allen Avenue at or near General Robert E. Lee Circle, to retain the City’s legal interests in such medians, and to designate such medians as official City Parks, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

- Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2020-217 - Amended 20201214 - Stricken 20210111](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Parcel Illustration](#)
[Plat](#)
[Support_Historic West Grace Street Association](#)
[Support_Monument Ave Preservation Society](#)
[Support_Fan District Association](#)
[Letter of Opposition](#)
[Updated Civic Association Statements](#)
[Additional Letters of Opposition](#)
[20201214 Amendment of Ord. No. 2020-217](#)

Mr. Matthew Ebinger provided an overview of the ordinance.

Councilmember Kimberly B. Gray also spoke regarding the ordinance.

Public Hearing:

Mark Terrill, President of Historic West Grace Street Association, spoke in support of Parcels D and E remaining in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval with the amendment that Parcels D and E remain in the Ordinance and action be deferred on Parcels A, B, and C.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law that the motion be amended to state

Parcels A, B, and C would be stricken from the Ordinance. The motion to amend the motion carried unanimously.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Ordinance with the amendment that Parcels D and E remain in the Ordinance and that Parcels A, B, and C be stricken from the Ordinance.

The action carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 9 - * Chair Rodney Poole, * Vice Chair Melvin Law, * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Lenora Reid and * Commissioner Ellen Robertson

Upcoming Items

Mr. Ebinger shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the December 7, 2020 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.