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Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Monday, May 2, 2022

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call To Order

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

Citizens are encouraged to provide their comments in writing to PDRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov in lieu of speaking in-person or 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 Richard Saunders, Secretary to the Planning Commission, or his designee. All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day of this meeting 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.

Roll Call

Mr. Reginald Gordon acted on behalf of CAO Lincoln Saunders. Commissioner Murthy arrived at the meeting late.

- **Present** 6 - * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, and * Commissioner Samuel Young
- **Absent** 2 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

2. [PDRMIN
2022.018](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pinnock, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the April 18, 2022 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** -- 5 - * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Lincoln Saunders

- Excused** -- 1 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Samuel Young

Director's Report

Director Kevin Vonck provided a brief update.

Council Action Update

Mr. Richard Saunders provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its April 25, 2022 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

3. [ORD. 2022-122](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3336 Cutshaw Avenue for the purpose of three two-family detached dwellings and a parking area, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)
A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that this ordinance be continued to the June 6, 2022 City Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. [ORD. 2022-121](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2100, 2106, 2112, 2118, and 2124 Broad Rock Boulevard for the purpose of a commercial building with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (9th District)
A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that this ordinance be continued to the June 6, 2022 City Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Poole acknowledged that a "letter of no opposition" was submitted from the Westhampton Citizens Association on Item 6.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Pinnock, that the consent agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 6 - * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Samuel Young and * Lincoln Saunders

Excused -- 1 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

5. [ORD. 2022-120](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-042, adopted Mar. 9, 2020, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1111 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

- 6. [ORD. 2022-123](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5811 Grove Avenue for the purpose of an outdoor dining area to the rear of an existing building, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

- 7. [ORD. 2022-124](#) To close, to public use and travel, two portions of public right-of-way located on the south line of West Marshall Street between Highpoint Avenue and Mactavish Avenue, consisting of 1.4± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

- 8. [PAC2022 - 599](#)

This Section 17.05 Review was approved.

- 9. [PAC2022 - 600](#)

This Section 17.05 Review was approved.

- 10. [PAC2022 - 601](#)

This Section 17.05 Review was approved.

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

- 11. [PDRPRES 2022.023](#)

Ms. Maritza Pechin provided staff's presentation.

Ms. Janis Allen (Historic Jackson Ward Association) spoke in support, and also expressed concern over the

- 12. [PDRPRES 2022.024](#)

Ms. Maritza Pechin and Ms. Yessenia Revilla provided staff's presentation.

Several questions were asked by Planning Commission members that were addressed by Ms. Pechin and Ms. Revilla.

Ms. Janis Allen, President of the Historic Jackson Ward Association, reiterated that there is a lot going on in Jackson Ward. She acknowledged that it is both good and taxing. She asked two clarification questions that Ms. Pechin answered.

13. [PDRPRES
2022.026](#)

Mr. Kevin Vonck provided an introduction.

Ms. Maritza Pechin provided staff's presentation.

Several Planning Commissioners had questions that were addressed by Ms. Pechin and Mr. Vonck.

Ms. Ann Francis Lambert, 3rd District Council Representative, spoke in support. A dialogue between the Planning Commission and Councilwoman

Ms. Janis Allen (Historic Jackson Ward Association) thanked Councilwoman Lambert for her support sought clarification around affordable rental housing and affordable home ownership. Ms. Pechin provided an explanation.

Upcoming Items

Secretary Richard Saunders shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the May 16, 2022 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Chairman Poole adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.