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Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Monday, August 2, 2021

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Ms. Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield was also present, for a total of 9 members present.

-- Present 8 - * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Andreas Addison, and * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed Mr. Burchell Pinnock, the newest member to the Planning Commission.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

Director's Report

- Richmond 300 Implementation

Mr. Kevin Vonck and Ms. Maritza Pechin provided an update.

- Council Action Update

Mr. Richard Saunders provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its July 26, 2021 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

There were no continuances or deletions from the agenda.

Consent Agenda

No items on the Consent Agenda.

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.

No items on the consent agenda

Regular Agenda

1. [UDC 2021-35](#)

Attachments: [DPW Memo to Planning Commission 9-7-21](#)
[UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Location & Plans](#)
[Nicholas Smith Public Comment](#)
[Opposition Connor Johnson](#)
[Opposition Judges of the Richmond City Circuit Court](#)

Item Title: Conceptual location, character, and extent review of a temporary GRTC Transfer Station; 808 E. Clay Street.

Ms. Adrienne Torres, Chief Development Officer, GRTC, provided the applicant's presentation.

Ms. Julie Timm, Chief Executive Officer, GRTC, also spoke.

Ms. Dironna Clarke, Administrator, Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, Public Works, also spoke.

Public Hearing: Mr. Stewart Schwartz, Partnership for Smarter Growth, spoke in support.

Note: Ms. Sharon Ebert served as an alternate for Commissioner Saunders

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be continued to the September 7, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 7 - * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- No --** 2 - * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan and * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock

2. [PDRPRES 2021.146](#)

Item Title: Accessory Dwelling Unit Discussion

Mr. Kevin Vonck provided staff's presentation.

Public Comment:

Joh Gehlbach, Government Affairs Manager, Richmond Association of Realtors, spoke in support

Kahnica Cole, Homeowner, spoke in support

Upcoming Items

Mr. Saunders shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the August 16, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.