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Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

Monday, May 16, 2022

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

This meeting was held in-person in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219. While all Planning Commissioners and staff attended the meeting in-person, citizens were able to participate in the meeting virtually.

Citizens were encouraged to provide their comments in writing to PDRLandUseAdmin@rva.gov in lieu of speaking through audio or video means during the meeting. All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting were 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

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

Roll Call

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

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

[PDRMIN](#)
[2022.020](#)

Draft Minutes_May 2, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Pinnock, that the May 2, 2022 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Lincoln Saunders

- Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield

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 May 9, 2022 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

1. [UDC 2022-06](#) Conceptual 17.05 review of the replacement of a bridge on E. Broad Street; 1554 E. Broad Street

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that this Section 17.05 Review be continued to the June 21, 2022 meeting of the City Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Addison absent.

Aye -- 6 - * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Lincoln Saunders

Excused -- 1 - * Commissioner Andreas Addison

2. [UDC 2022-08](#) Conceptual location, character, and extent review of renovations to the Richmond Public Library - Downtown Branch; 101 E. Franklin Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be continued to the June 21, 2022 meeting of the City Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Addison absent.

Aye -- 6 - * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Lincoln Saunders

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items were considered by the Commission as a group, and there was a single combined public hearing held for all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

The consent agenda was approved, with an amendment to Item 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Pinnock, that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye -- 7 - * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Andreas Addison and * Lincoln Saunders

3. [ORD. 2022-125](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1308 North 26th Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

4. [ORD. 2022-126](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 300 West Leigh Street for the purpose of a two-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

5. [ORD. 2022-127](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2417 Stuart Avenue for the purpose of a [single-family attached dwelling with an accessory] dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council with the following amendments:

-Change "single family attached dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit" to "dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family attached dwelling" throughout

- Add: The accessory building shall not be used for rental purposes, with the exception of rental to individuals having a familial relationship to the owner by blood, marriage, legal guardianship, or adoption.

6. [ORD. 2022-141](#) To declare a public necessity for the acquisition of and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept from a certain property owner a 20± foot wide limited access easement located at 3B Manchester Road and the dedication as public right-of-way of a portion of 3A Manchester Road, consisting of 3,710.92± square feet, for the purpose of providing for vehicular access by the City across and generally following the northern boundary of 3B Manchester Road and for the widening of the Manchester Road public right-of-way on a portion of the property known as 3A Manchester Road. (6th District)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

7. [CPCR.2022.051](#) RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A FINAL COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN AMENDMENT, TO ALLOW FOR A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY AT 2100 SHEILA LANE

This City Planning Commission Resolution was approved.

8. [UDC 2022-10](#) Conceptual location, character, and extent review of new Belle Isle Interpretive Signage; Various locations on Belle Isle.

This Location, Character and Extent Item was approved.

9. [UDC 2022-07](#) Final location, character, and extent review of the Southside Community Center Addition and Site Improvements; 6255 Old Warwick Rd.

This Location, Character and Extent Item 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

10. [ORD. 2022-140](#) To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 601 East Leigh Street, consisting of 7.36± acres, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the real estate. (6th District)

Ms. Sharon Ebert provided staff's presentation.

Mr. Leonard Sledge, Economic Development Director, provided a presentation.

There were some technical issues with the audio in Microsoft Teams during this time.

Councilwoman Ellen Robertson spoke in support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burchell, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

11. [CPCR.2022.050](#) Resolution of the City Planning Commission to adopt an amendment to the Richmond 300 Master Plan for the inclusion of Creighton Court, Fairfield Court, Gilpin Court, Hillside Court, Mosby Court North, Mosby Court South, and Whitcomb Court as priority growth nodes on the Richmond 300 Future Land Use Map.

Ms. Maritza Pechin provided staff's presentation.

Mr. Kevin Vonck provided a presentation.

Councilwoman Ellen Robertson spoke in support.

Councilwoman Ann-Francis Lambert spoke in support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that this City Planning Commission Resolution, as outlined in the staff report, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye -- 7 - * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Andreas Addison and * Lincoln Saunders

12. [PDRPRES 2022.028](#) Update on City Center Rezoning

Mr. Brian Mercer provided staff's presentation.

Upcoming Items

Secretary Richard Saunders shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the June 6, 2022 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Chairman Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

