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Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams: <https://bit.ly/CPC-Richmond-2024>

This meeting was held in-person in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Call To Order

Commissioner Poole called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

- **Present** 6 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, and * Commissioner Brian White
- **Absent** 3 - * Commissioner Samuel Young, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

Chair's Comments

Commissioner Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Director's Report

Director Vonck provided an update on permit review timelines over the past six months, focusing on both permit intake and plan review processes.

[PDRPRES
2024.059](#)

Director's Report - October 22, 2024

Kevin Vonck, Director of Planning and Development Review, provided an update on permit review timelines over the past six months, focusing on both permit intake and plan review processes, noting that overall performance remains within acceptable parameters.

There was brief discussion by the Planning Commission, including a suggestion that these metrics be shared with the council to help improve public perception of the department's efficiency.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

1. [ORD. 2024-264](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize (i) the acquisition of the real property known as 4700 Trenton Avenue and a portion of 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and (ii) the grant and acceptance of certain easements relating to the acquisition of such real property, for the purpose of creating a City park, constructing a right-of-way for the extension of Walmsley Boulevard from Commerce Road to Richmond Highway, and developing an economic development site for commercial and civic growth with a workforce development component. (8th District)

A motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Knight, that this item be continued to the November 4, 2024 meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner White, that the consent agenda be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye -- 6 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Brian White

2. [CPCR.2024.028](#) Resolution of the City Planning Commission Approving an amendment to the Final Community Unit Plan for the Stony Point Shopping Center, Map Section E, Stony Point Community Unit Plan Southern Portion (3002 Stony Point Road), regarding signage.

This item was approved.

3. [SUBD 2024.004](#) Subdivision Exception for Highland Grove, Sec 2, future Overby Bend Road, per Sec. 25-9(1) of the Subdivision Ordinance

This item was approved.

Regular Agenda

4. [PDRPRES 2024.058](#) Update on the Oakgrove/Hillside/Bellemeade Community Plan

Samantha Lewis presented an update on the Oak Grove/Hillside/Bellemeade community plan, highlighting the area's growth and rising property values. The presentation included a summary of the community engagement process and the plan's overarching strategies.

Discussion from the Planning Commission focused on strategies pertaining to attracting retail business and supporting long-term residents amid rising property values.

This PDR Presentation was received

Council Action Update and Upcoming Items

Alyson Oliver, Planning Commission Secretary, gave an overview of items introduced and adopted at the October 15, 2024 City Council Meeting, as well as those items anticipated to be on the Planning Commission agenda on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.