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Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams: <https://tinyurl.com/CPC-20-June-2023>

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

Mr. Poole called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 1:31 pm.

Roll Call

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

Chair's Comments

Mr. Pool welcomed all who were present and requested that the Director's Report be presented after the Regular Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

1. [PDRMIN 2023.016](#) CPC DRAFT Minutes - June 5, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Pinnock, seconded by Commissioner Knight, that the June 5, 2023 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 3 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight
- Abstain --** 2 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe

Council Action Update

Ms. Alyson Oliver, Planning Commission Secretary, provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its June 12, 2023 meeting.

Consideration of Changes, Continuances, and Deletions from Agenda

2. [ORD. 2023-108](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 910 Parrish Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Pinnock, that this ordinance be continued to the July 17, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [PDRPRES 2023.039](#) Draft Jackson Ward Community Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Pinnock, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, that this Presentation be continued to the July 17, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

4. [ORD. 2023-173](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 701 East Cary Street for the purpose of a clean energy park with electric vehicle charging stations, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Item to be withdrawn, per applicant request.

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. During the public hearing, several members of the public, present and online, stood or virtually raised their hands to show their support for ORD. 2023-174.

Commissioner Pinnock abstained from voting on items 9, 10, and 14.

Commissioner Murthy abstained from voting on item 11.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, that this be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

5. [ORD. 2023-174](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3601 Seminary Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery, for up to 64 children, within a church, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

This ordinance was recommended for approval.

6. [ORD. 2023-175](#) To rezone the properties known as 500 Commerce Road and 520 Commerce Road from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

This ordinance was recommended for approval.

7. [ORD. 2023-176](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1213 Porter Street for the purpose of a church, or other place of worship, and a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

This ordinance was recommended for approval.

8. [UDC 2023-09](#) UDC 2023-09 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent to renovate a portion of the Canal Walk to better facilitate bike access located nearest to 211 S 14th Street.

This item was approved.

9. [UDC 2023-10](#) UDC 2023-10 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the new TB Smith Community Center; 2015 Ruffin Road.

This item was approved with staff recommendations.

Aye -- 4 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock

10. [UDC 2023-11](#) UDC 2023-11 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of a new community center located at Luck's Field; 1925 U Street.

This item was approved with staff recommendations.

Aye -- 4 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock

11. [UDC 2023-12](#) UDC 2023-12 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review to expand and enhance green space at Hotchkiss Park, located at 715 E Brookland Park Boulevard.

This item was approved.

Aye -- 4 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

12. [SUBD 2023.006](#) Subdivision Exception for 707 North 31st Street, per Sec. 25-9(2) of the Subdivision Ordinance.

This item was approved

13. [SUBD 2023.007](#) Subdivision Exception for 909 N. 29th Street, per Sec. 25-9(2) of the Subdivision Ordinance.

This item was approved

14. [PAC 2023 - 004](#) Shockoe Hill African Burying Ground Mural

This item was approved.

Aye -- 4 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

Abstain -- 1 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock

15. [PAC2023 - 020](#) Hotchkiss Roller Rink Mural

This item was approved.

Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

16. [PAC2023 - 022](#) PAC Staff Report: Greening Greater Fulton Gifts of Art

This item was approved.

Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

17. [PAC2023 - 023](#) Southside Community Center Phase 2 Finalist

This item was approved.

Aye -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Dakia K. Knight

Regular Agenda

There were no items on the Regular Agenda.

[PDRPRES 2023.044](#)

Director's Report - June 20, 2023

Kevin Vonck, Director of the Department of Planning and Development Review, provided an overview of the SUP process, including process, notice requirements, and review criteria. Following the presentation, Mr. Vonck answered questions from members of the Planning Commission.

Upcoming Items

Ms. Oliver shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the July 15, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.