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Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

Monday, April 5, 2021

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

This meeting will be held through electronic participation means

This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as amended. This meeting will be open to participation through electronic communication means by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public.

Most, if not all, Planning Commission members and other staff will participate in this meeting by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. Those who may be assembling for this meeting will do so in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Special Guidelines for Public Access and Citizen Participation:

To access or participate, or both, in the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., you have several options outlined in the following document:

[PDRPRES
2021.112](#)

Attachments: [Public Access and Participation Instructions - Planning Commission
4-5-21](#)

Citizens are encouraged to provide their comments in writing to PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com in lieu of speaking 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 Matthew J. Ebinger, Secretary to the Planning Commission.

All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, 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.

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

- Present 7 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Absent 2 - * Commissioner David Johannas, and * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

[PDRMIN 2021.035](#)

Attachments: [CPC Draft Minutes Aug 3, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that the August 3, 2020 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 6 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy
- Excused --** 1 - * Commissioner Andreas Addison

[PDRMIN 2021.036](#)

Attachments: [CPC Draft Minutes Aug 17, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, that the August 17, 2020 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 6 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy
- Excused --** 1 - * Commissioner Andreas Addison

[PDRMIN 2021.037](#)

Attachments: [CPC Draft Minutes Oct 19, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Vice Chair Law, that the October 19, 2020 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 6 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

Excused -- 1 - * Commissioner Andreas Addison

Director's Report

- Richmond 300 Implementation

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

- Council Action Update

Mr. Matthew Ebinger provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its March 22, 2021 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

There were no continuances or deletions from the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing: No one spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote, with Mr. Poole abstaining on Item 4:

Aye -- 7 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

1. [ORD. 2021-074](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-248, adopted Dec. 14, 2020, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3310 East Broad Street for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an existing accessory building, to authorize a two-family dwelling with an accessory building containing one dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2021-074](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application Form and Applicant's Report](#)
[Map](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

2. [ORD. 2021-076](#) To rezone the property known as 1001 German School Road from the R-3 Single-Family Residential District to the R-43 Multifamily Residential District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions. (4th District)

- Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2021-076](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application Form & Applicant's Report](#)
[Survey](#)
[Map](#)
[Letters of Support](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

3. [ORD. 2021-075](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2410 Ownby Lane for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

- Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2021-075](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application Form and Applicant's Report](#)
[Plan](#)
[Map](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

4. [ORD. 2021-077](#) To rezone the properties known as 600 Commerce Road, 602 Commerce Road, and 606 Commerce Road from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

- Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2021-077](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application Form & Applicant's Report](#)
[Survey](#)
[Map](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

5. [CPCR.2021.091](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Proposed Elevations](#)
[Survey](#)
[Map](#)
[Resolution](#)

Item Title: Final Community Unit Plan Amendment for The Heights at Brady Square (2200 Brady St, 2312 Lynnhaven Ave, 2316 Krouse St).

This City Planning Commission Resolution was adopted.

6. [PAC 2021-001](#)
[\(a2021 - 5020\)](#)

Attachments: [PAC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to PAC](#)
[Bike Walk Project Application](#)

Item Title: Bike Walk RVA Road Mural Proposal

This Section 17.05 Review was approved.

The consent agenda consists of items that appear relatively non-controversial in nature and for which there was no known opposition at the time this agenda was set. 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

7. [PDRPRES](#)
[2021.110](#)

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Item Title: Presentation: RVAgreen 2050 Update

Ms. Alicia Zatcoff, Office of Sustainability, provided a presentation.

8. [CPCR.2021.0](#)
[95](#)

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Resolution of Intent](#)

Item Title: Resolution to declare an intent to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of permitting accessory dwelling units in additional zoning districts in the City of Richmond.

Mr. Kevin Vonck provided staff's presentation.

Public Hearing: No one spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that this City Planning Commission Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 7 - * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner John Thompson, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

Upcoming Items

Mr. Ebinger shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.