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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Monday, May 1, 2023

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams: <https://tinyurl.com/CPC-1-May-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 7 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Andreas Addison, and * Commissioner Rodney Poole
- Absent 1 - * Commissioner Samuel Young

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

2. [PDRMIN
2023.009](#) CPC DRAFT Minutes - April 3, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Pinnock, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that the April 3, 2023 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 5 - * Commissioner Burchell Pinnock, * Commissioner Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Rebecca Rowe, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders and * Commissioner Rodney Poole
- Excused --** 4 - * Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Samuel Young and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

3. [PDRMIN
2023.010](#) CPC DRAFT Minutes - April 24, 2023

This item was deferred.

Director's Report

- Council Action Update

Mr. Matthew Ebinger provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its April 24, 2023 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

4. [ORD. 2023-121](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3207 Hermitage Road for the purpose of an office and contractor warehouse with outdoor storage, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 60-227-197, adopted Aug. 8, 1960, and Ord. No. 60-120-93, adopted May 9, 1960. (3rd District)

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that this item be continued to the June 5, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that this item be continued to the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Consent Agenda

After the items on the consent agenda were introduced, Mark Baker, Baker Development Resources, provided members of the Planning Commission with an update on the proposed amendment to Item #6 (Ord. 2023-119).

Mr. Poole opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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.

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5. [ORD. 2023-118](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 310 West 31st Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 19 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.**
6. [ORD. 2023-119](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1402 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)
- This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council with an amendment to include updated plans.**
7. [ORD. 2023-120](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 14 Granite Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling with driveway access to the street, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.**
8. [ORD. 2023-122](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 600 Tredegar Street and 501 South 5th Street for the purpose of wall signs, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
- This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.**
9. [CPCR.2023.015](#) Resolution to amend the “Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan - Final Plan,” for the purpose of constructing an electric vehicle charging station, under certain terms and conditions.
- This City Planning Commission Resolution was approved.**
10. [PAC 2023 - 003](#) Battery Park Mural
- This item was approved.**

Regular Agenda

12. [ORD. 2023-092](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2018-310, adopted Dec. 17, 2018, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2712 East Leigh Street for the purpose of up to seven multifamily dwelling units and an accessory office, to authorize certain uses permitted on corner lots within the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Mr. Ebinger gave a brief overview of this request. Vitas Reinikovas, the applicant, answered clarifying questions from members of the Planning Commission regarding the potential use of the properties.
- Mr. Poole opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed by Mr. Poole.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, that this item be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

13. [ORD. 2023-133](#)

To direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 3017, 3001, 2909, 2907, and 3101 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard and 2728 Hermitage Road, consisting of 60.966± acres, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond.
(2nd District)

Leonard Sledge, Director of the Department of Economic Development, addressed the Planning Commission, detailing how this property transfer relates to the larger plans for the Diamond District and the adopted Greater Scott's Addition Plans.

Mr. Poole opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed by Mr. Poole.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that this item be recommended for approval to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Items

Mr. Ebinger shared a list of items tentatively scheduled for the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission.