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Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Monday, June 21, 2021

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

NOTE: Due to technical issues with Microsoft Teams during the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, Items 18-25 will be forwarded to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

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 this Planning Commission meeting you have several options outlined in the following document:

1. PDRPRES 2021.135

<u>Attachments:</u> Public Access and Participation Instructions - Planning Commission

6-21-21

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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 the day of this meeting 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

Ms. Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield was also present for a total of 8 members present.

- -- Present 7 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- -- Absent 1 * Commissioner John Thompson

Chair's Comments

Mr. Poole welcomed all who were present.

Approval of Minutes

2. <u>PDRMIN</u> 2021.046

Attachments: Draft Minutes March 1, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that the March 1, 2021 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 7 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 1 * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders

3. <u>PDRMIN</u> 2021.047

Attachments: Draft Minutes March 4, 2021 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the March 4, 2021 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 7 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 1 * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders

4. <u>PDRMIN</u> 2021.048

Attachments: Draft Minutes March 15, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that the March 15, 2021 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 7 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 1 * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders

5. <u>PDRMIN</u> 2021.049

Attachments: Draft Minutes April 5, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that the April 5, 2021 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 7 * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Abstain -- 1 * Commissioner David Johannas
- 6. PDRMIN 2021.050

Attachments: CPC Draft Minutes April 19, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, that the April 19, 2021 Minutes be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 8 - * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek
G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

Director's Report

Mr. Kevin Vonck provided an update.

- Richmond 300 Implementation

Ms. Maritza Pechin provided an update.

- Council Action Update

Mr. Matthew Ebinger provided an update on the actions taken by City Council at its June 14, 2021 meeting.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

7. PAC 2021-003 (a2021 - 5131)

Attachments: Application

Item Description: Section 17.05 Review of a public art installation (Positive Vibe Hopscotch) located at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 520 N Arthur Ashe Blvd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johannas, seconded by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, that this Section 17.05 Review be continued to the Planning Commission meeting on July 6, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

12. ORD. 2021-159

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the East Main Street and Williamsburg Avenue intersection improvement project. (7th District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-159

Staff Report

Letter of No Opposition Historic Richmond Foundation

A motion was made by Commissioner David Johannas, seconded by Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, that this Ordinance be continued to the July 19, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: (8:0).

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ebinger presented the Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing: No one spoke.

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Public Hearing: No one spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Law, seconded by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 8 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
 Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek
 G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- 8. ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 1518 Perry Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing office and personal service uses on the first floor and one dwelling unit on the second floor, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-146

Staff Report

Application Form

Applicant's Report

Plans
Survey
Map

Letter of Support Manchester Alliance

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

9. ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 2910 Q Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th

District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-147

Staff Report

Application Form

Applicant's Report

<u>Plans</u> <u>Survey</u> <u>Map</u>

Letters of Support

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

10. ORD. To rezone the property known as 423 Hull Street from the B-5 Central Business

<u>2021-148</u> District to the TOD-1Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-148

Staff Report

Application Form

Applicant's Report

Survey Map

Letter of Support Manchester Alliance

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

11. ORD. To rezone the properties known as 2116 East Main Street, 2126 East Main Street, and 16 North 22nd Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-5 Central

Business District. (7th District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-149

Staff Report

Application Form

Applicant's Report

Survey Map

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

13. ORD. 2021-160

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the Whitehead Road culvert replacement and sidewalk improvements project. (9th

District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-160

Staff Report

This Ordinance was recommended for approval to the City Council.

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

14. PAC 2021-004 (a2021 - 5132)

Attachments: PAC Report to CPC

Staff Report to PAC

Application

Item Description: Section 17.05 Review of a public art installation component of The JXN Project, located throughout the Jackson Ward neighborhood.

Ms. Maritza Pechin spoke regarding the application.

Public Hearing: Ms. Katherine Jordan spoke in support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, that this Section 17.05 Review be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 8 - * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek
G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

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15. UDC 2021-23

Attachments: UDC Report to CPC

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC 2021-23 Public notice

UDC Presentation to CPC

Public Comment

Driggs Public Comment

Letter State Senator Reeves

Letter of Opposition

Additional Public Comment

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Studio Two Three Letter

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a monument and pedestal; 0 N. 29th Street (Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation.

Public Hearing:

Ashley Hawkins requested clarification.

Sarah Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Tom Saunders stated support for total removal.

Jessica Jordan stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Coqui MacDonald stated support for retaining the pedestal.

V. Boykin stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Francis Thompson stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Robert Steele stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Katie Payne, VMFA, stated she was available to answer questions.

Cindy Wofford asked for clarification.

Kate Fowler stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Senator Reeves stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Kat Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murthy, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the Commission make no recommendation regarding this Location, Character and Extent Item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 8 - * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole, * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy and * Commissioner Andreas Addison

16. UDC 2021-24

Attachments: UDC Report to CPC

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-24 Public notice

Public Comment

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Studio Two Three Letter

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a monument and pedestal; Intersection of Hermitage Road and Laburnum Avenue. (AP Hill Monument)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation.

Mr. Chris Frelke, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, also spoke regarding the application.

Mr. Bob Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, also spoke regarding the application.

Public Hearing:

No one spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be approved with the following condition:

-After the monument is removed, the City of Richmond's Department of Public Works prioritize this intersection to receive pedestrian enhancements

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 5 * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, * Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, * Commissioner Melvin Law and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- **No --** 3 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-25 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of a monument and pedestal; 499 Stuart Circle (JEB Stuart Monument)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for Items 17-22.

Mr. Frelke and Mr. M. Khara, Public Works, also spoke regarding the application.

Public Hearing:

Robert Steele stated support for retaining the pedestal.

V. Boykin stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Sarah Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Kat Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Cindy Wofford stated support for retaining the pedestal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the Commission make no recommendation regarding this Location, Character and Extent Item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 7 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
 Commissioner Melvin Law, * Commissioner Rodney Poole and *
 Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 1 * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy
- 18. <u>UDC 2021-26</u>

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-26 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Citizen Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a cannon monument; 2395 Monument Avenue (Confederate Cannon #1)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for this Item during the presentation of Item 17.

Public Hearing: No one spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the Commission make no recommendation regarding this Location, Character and Extent Item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 6 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
 Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 2 * Commissioner Melvin Law and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

NOTE: Due to technical issues with Microsoft Teams during the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, Item 18 will be reconsidered during the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, during which a new public hearing will be held and a new vote will be taken by the Planning Commission.

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-27 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Citizen Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a monument and pedestal; 2399 Monument Avenue (Jefferson Davis Memorial)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for this Item during the presentation of Item 17.

Public Hearing:

Sarah Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal.

Kat Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestals.

Andrea Almond, Chair of the Urban Design Committee, suggested that the recommendations of the Urban Design Committee still be provided to the City Council even if the Planning Commission votes to make no recommendation.

Brandon Fountain stated support for retaining the pedestal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johannas, seconded by Commissioner Greenfield, that the Commission make no recommendation regarding this Location, Character and Extent Item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 6 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
 Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 2 * Commissioner Melvin Law and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

NOTE: Due to technical issues with Microsoft Teams during the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, Item 19 will be reconsidered during the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, during which a new public hearing will be held and a new vote will be taken by the Planning Commission.

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-28 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Citizen Input UDC 2021 28

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Citizen Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a monument and pedestal; 2799 Monument Avenue (Stonewall Jackson Monument)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for this Item during the presentation of Item 17.

Public Hearing:

No one spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenfield, seconded by Commissioner Johannas, that the Commission make no recommendation regarding this Location, Character and Extent Item.

The motion was superseded by a motion made by Commissioner Johannas, seconded by Chairman Poole, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be continued to the July 19, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion failed by the following vote: (2:4), with Commissioners Saunders, Addison, Greenfield, and Hepp-Buchanan voting in opposition, and Commissioners Law and Murthy not being present for the vote.

The motion to make no recommendation carried by the following vote:

- Aye -- 6 * Commissioner David Johannas, * Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, *
 Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, * Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, *
 Commissioner Rodney Poole and * Commissioner Andreas Addison
- Excused -- 2 * Commissioner Melvin Law and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

NOTE: Due to technical issues with Microsoft Teams during the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, Item 20 will be reconsidered during the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission, during which a new public hearing will be held and a new vote will be taken by the Planning Commission.

21. UDC 2021-29

Attachments: UDC Report to CPC

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-29 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Citizen Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a monument and pedestal; 3099 Monument Avenue (Matthew F. Maury Monument)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for this Item during the presentation of Item 17.

Public Hearing:

Sarah Driggs stated support for retaining the pedestal and indicated that individuals were not able to join the meeting.

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The meeting went into Recess to allow staff to determine the extent of the technical issues that were taking place.

The meeting was reconvened and staff informed the Commission that individuals were not able to access the meeting via Teams internet means or phone means, and therefore proper public hearings could not take place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lincoln Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Max Hepp-Buchanan, that the remaining Items be continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Poole, Saunders, Addison, Hepp-Buchanan, and Johannas voting in support.

This Item was continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-30 Public notice

Letter State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Letter Governor Northam's Office

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Citizen Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of a cannon monument; 3499 Monument Avenue (Confederate Cannon #2)

Mr. Alex Dandridge provided staff's presentation for this Item during the presentation of Item 17.

This Item was continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

23. UDC 2021-31

Attachments: UDC Report to CPC

Staff Report to UDC

Location & Plans

UDC Presentation to CPC

UDC 2021-31 Public notice

Letter_State Senator Reeves

Additional Public Comment

Studio Two Three Letter

Citizen Input Pedestals

Input VA Monument Preservation Taskforce

Public Comment

Input Reimagining Monument Avenue

Item Description: Final location, character, and extent review of the removal of various monuments and pedestals; 15 N. Laurel Street (Fitzhugh Lee Cross, Joseph Bryan Monument, William Carter Wickham Monument)

This Item was continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

24. ORD. 2021-150

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of rezoning certain properties in the Greater Scott's Addition neighborhood, in order to implement the adopted Richmond 300 Master Plan, and to amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as "priority streets" and certain street blocks as "street-oriented commercial streets" in the Greater Scott's Addition neighborhood. (2nd District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-150

Staff Report

Master Plan Future Land Use Map

Existing Zoning Map
Proposed Zoning Map
Priority Streets Map

Street Oriented Commercial Frontage Map

City Planning Commission Resolution of Intent

Public Comment Letters

Rezoning Presentation CPC 210706

This Item was continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

25. ORD. 2021-151

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of rezoning certain properties in the Science Museum, Allison Street, and VCU&VUU Pulse BRT Station Areas, in order to implement the adopted Richmond 300 Master Plan and Pulse Corridor Plan, and to amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as "priority streets" and certain street blocks as "street-oriented commercial streets" in the Science Museum, Allison Street, and Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Union University Pulse BRT Station Areas. (2nd District)

Attachments: Ord. No. 2021-151

Staff Report

Master Plan Future Land Use Map

Existing Zoning Map
Proposed Zoning Map
Priority Streets Map

Street Oriented Commercial Frontage Map

City Planning Commission Resolution of Intent

Public Comment Letters

Pulse- Allison Street Rezoning PDR Director Presentation

This Item was continued to the July 6, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission.

Upcoming Items

Upcoming items were not discussed.

Adjournment

Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.