

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING November 28, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, November 28, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Arthur Campbell Room.

Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Sean Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman
Ms. Maggie Costello
Mrs. Jan Reeves
Councilperson Rick Humphreys
Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary
Mr. Chris Burcher

Administrative Staff: Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services
Mr. Sean Taylor, Asst. Town Planner
Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Manager

Visitors: Mr. James Warren
Mr. Jeremy Thomas

- (1) Approval of minutes: Called meeting, Oct. 24, 2016.

Mr. Shuman moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Second by Mrs. Reeves, All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- (2) Public Hearings - None

- (3) Request for COA – **Chef Heather’s Restaurant, James & Heather Warren, owners, 15054 Litton Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210; Matthew Bundy, representative, 190 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, Abingdon, VA 24210; property located at 660 W. Main St. Proposed exterior remodel to change existing garage into restaurant. Zoned B-2 (General Business). Tax map number: 017-1-10.**

James Warren presented for James & Heather Warren owners Chef Heathers, proposed tearing down the building next the new Chef Heathers site, to allow for entrance to the restaurant via the red-light at Walgreens, as well as narrowing the front entrance to a smaller area. Planning Commissioners inquired about jointly using the Walgreens parking area located at the rear of the property. Mr. Warren stated he spoke with the Manager at Walgreens and it was out of his hands. Mr. Warren stated, that his engineer said that the proposed site plan meets the parking requirements for a restaurants in the zoning ordinance. Commissioners further inquired about the proposed color scheme. Mr. Warren presented the colors for the project as being Sherwin Williams Tricorn Black for the trim and Sherwin Williams Morning Sun for the main part of the building

After further discussion, Mr. Shuman moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. Second by second by Councilperson Humphreys. All in favor. None opposed.

- (4) Request for Modification of originally approved Certificate of appropriateness: Kai tang and Zhuyan Yun, owners, 285 Bogey Dr; Bundy Architecture and Engineering Inc. , representative, 321 West. Main Street; Modification of original Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction, located at 804 W. Main Street, Abingdon Va. 24210, Tax Map No. 017-9-2.

Assistant Town Planner Sean Taylor presented that Mr. Tang has made changes to the originally approved site plan for his project. Mr. Taylor stated that many of the changes made were not in conformity with the originally approved site plan. Mr. Taylor further stated that public works and planning staff have met with Mr. Tang on many occasions to address concerns about the site plan. Most recently Mr. Tang was asked not to stripe his parking spaces until he had received approval from the Planning Commission. Mr. Tang then proceeded to stripe the parking are days before the Planning Commission meeting. Councilperson Humphreys inquired about who held the building permit for the project. Mr. Taylor responded that Mr. Tang is acting as his own contractor. Mr. Humphreys asked then if any of the sub-contract work had been licensed. Mr. Humphreys further inquired that he would like to have Building Department staff Marion Watts and Rick Statzer and and Kai Tang at the next meeting. Commissioners ask Town Attorney Deb Icenhour if the Planning Commission has the authority to ask Marion or Rick to come before the board. Mrs. Icenhour replied absolutely, both of them have been there a number of times. After further discussion Councilperson Humphreys made a motion to continue the request to modify the original Certificate of Appropriate until the next stated planning commission meeting and request to have, Marion Watts or Rick Statzer and Mr. Kai Tang and Matt Bundy in attendance. Second by Kenny Shuman. All in favor, None opposed.

Public Comment.

None

- (5) Updates from Staff

None

(6) Updates from Commissioners

- a. Ms. Costello stated we may want to look at more language in the code. As a commission we can request to have the code updated, and can request to figure this into our budget.
- b. Kenny Shuman made a motion to move the next meeting to December 27th, 2016, Greg Humphreys second.

There being no further business, Councilperson Humphreys moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Shuman. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.



 Mr. Greg Kelly, Secretary



 Wayne Austin, Chairman