

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
STATED MEETING
October 24, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

A called meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, October 24, 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
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary
Mrs. Jan Reeves
Councilperson Rick Humphreys
Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Ms. Maggie Costello
Mr. Chris Burcher

Administrative Staff: Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services
Mr. Sean Taylor, Asst. Town Planner

Visitors: Mr. Mathew Bundy

(2) Approval of minutes: Called meeting, Sept. 26, 2016.

Mr. Shuman moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Second by Councilperson Humphreys. All in favor. None opposed. Mr. Greg Kelly Sustained (absent from previous meeting) Motion carried.

(3) Public Hearings - None

(4) 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.

Matt Bundy representative 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. Bundy stated that the owner's were going to approach Walgreens about using the Walgreens parking lot for employees. Commissioners also discussed abatement issues concerning possible gas storage tanks on the property. Mr. Bundy stated that the Virginia Department of Environmental quality would have all information pertaining to the site and that if any findings are found, the owner's would comply with any and all regulations concerning remediation.

Matt Bundy inquired on receiving further feedback on the site plan from the Planning Commissioners and Town staff. After further discussion, Councilperson Humphreys moved to table the Certificate of Appropriateness until the next regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting . Second by second by Mrs. Reeve's. All in favor. None opposed.

(5) Public Comment.

Ms. Reeves inquired to the limit of the public comment portion of the meeting to only 30 minutes. After discussion, it was decided to allow 3 minutes per speaker and not limit the public comment to period to only 30 minutes, for matters not on the agenda.

(6) Updates from Staff

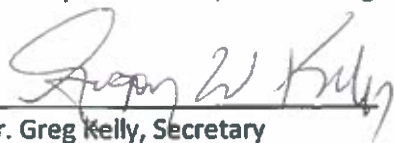
a. Cancellation of Oct. 19th and Nov. 5th CIP/Strategic Planning Meetings at VHSBI. Mr. Kelly, updated the commission as to why the meetings were cancelled. Due to the pending conflicts with a tight time schedule from the pending court case, town staff were unable to meet until after Nov. 10th, 2016. Town staff will schedule a new joint meeting in the coming months.

Mr. Kelly also informed the Planning Commission that Deborah Icenhour has corresponded with Kroger's corporate office and their Legal Counsel about the fuel delivery time schedule. Kroger's Counsel indicated they would comply with the schedule approved by the Town Council previously .

(7) Updates from Commissioners

None

There being no further business, Councilperson Humphreys moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Kelly. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Mr. Greg Kelly, Secretary


Wayne Austin, Chairman