

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Matthew Johnson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Austin, Vice Chairman
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary
Ms. Maggie Costello
Mr. Rick Humphreys
Mr. Wayne Craig

Members Absent: Mr. Langley Shazor

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner (Absent)
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney (Absent)
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction (Absent)
Mr. C. J. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department

Visitors: Mr. Amar Patel

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- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness, continuation. **Magan Patel, dba Quality Inn and Suites, owner; Amar Patel, representative;** 930 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation located at **930 East Main Street Tax Map No. 106-4-A.**

Discussion for the application for Certificate of Appropriateness continued from the January meeting. Mr. Patel presented paint samples for the board as well as photos for consideration. He stated that they like how the slate gray color matches the stone the best, but will defer to the board’s selection. He mentioned that the timeframe for completion will depend on the weather, but they want to have it done before race weekend, which is the end of April. He would like to aim for mid-March, but at least by mid-April.

Mr. Bundy asked for clarification as to what will actually be painted. Mr. Patel stated that all parts of the building that are currently red will be repainted.

Mr. Humphreys moved to approve the slate gray that has been presented to the Board, to replace the red currently on the building, with the understanding that it will be completed before April 19th, and that Mr.

Johnson will provide administrative approval prior to full application to the building. Second my Mr. Craig. All in favor. Motion carried.

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(3) Reorganization.

Mr. Kelly nominated Mr. Austin to serve as the next chairman. Second by Mr. Humphreys. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelly nominated Mr. Shazor to serve as Vice-Chairman. All in favor. Motion carried.

This being Mr. Bundy's last meeting, a plaque was presented to him to thank and commend him for his services to the Commission. His leadership and insight will be missed.

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(4) Discussion of awards.

Mr. McGlothlin introduced a concept for property awards which was brought forth at the Historic Preservation Review Board at their last meeting. He would like to expand it town wide if the Planning Commission is in agreement. It would be a yearly award where properties can be nominated by citizens, promoting good upkeep of a property.

Mr. Humphreys said he sees it as a positive thing and suggested dovetailing the award presentation with the Arthur Campbell award. Discussion continued and Mr. McGlothlin will draft criteria and present it to the Commission.

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(5) SWOT analysis.

Mr. Humphreys mentioned updating the ordinance. Discussion ensued with points being to hire a consultant or update them one at a time in house. Mr. Johnson mentioned that there are certainly things we need to do as stop gap measures, such as temporary structures, but that other items should be looked at by a consultant.

Mr. Humphreys mentioned exit 19 as a threat coming up. Having a joint meeting with the county planning commission is a good place to start.

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Mr. Austin made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Craig. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary