

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

The Regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, April 27, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Matthew Johnson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman  
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary  
Ms. Janice Reeves  
Ms. Maggie Costello  
Councilman Rick Humphreys  
Mr. Wayne Craig

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Tardy: Mr. Langley Shazor, Vice Chairman

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors: Mr. Brian Via  
Mr. Ken Croghan

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting, March 23, 2015

Councilman Humphreys made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting, March 23, 2015, as presented. Second by Mr. Craig. All in favor. Motion carried.

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(3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Kai Tang, owner; Brian Via, representative;** 804 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation located at **804 West Main Street Tax Map No. 017-9-2.**

Mr. Brian Via approached the podium as representative of Kai Tang of Tangs Realty, and stated that they are looking to give the building a “facelift” by way of new stucco, windows, columns, paint, and awnings.

Mr. Johnson provided an explanation to the Board of why improvements to this property will be coming before them in multiple phases, i.e. they would like to start exterior renovations while they work on the site plan and consider uses for the interior.

Discussion continued with topics including awnings and the sign currently on the property. The conclusion was that the sign will be removed and Mr. Via will bring a plan for the awnings to the next meeting when the site plan will be presented. Mr. Via presented paint samples to the board. It was agreed that the cocoa color presented will be used on the entire building and the peach color presented will not be used. White will be used for the columns and trim.

At this time Mr. Craig moved to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Kai Tang for exterior rehabilitation work including stucco, windows, columns, demolition of the sign, and painting in the color presented to the Board, with approval of the staff prior to final application. Second by Councilman Humphreys.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Ms. Reeves – Aye
- Ms. Costello – Aye
- Mr. Craig – Aye
- Mr. Shazor – Aye
- Mr. Austin – Aye
- Councilman Humphreys – Aye
- Mr. Kelly – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

Further comments included a rough landscape drawing that was submitted. This will be reviewed by staff.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **St. John Lutheran Church, owner; Ken Croghan, representative; 807 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation located at 807 East Main Street Tax Map No. 105-A-15A.**

Mr. Ken Croghan presented the Board with the Certificate of Appropriateness application for a covered walkway for St. John Lutheran Church. It will be simple aluminum with a white baked enamel finish with four inch width interlocking panels for the roof, and will also cover a seating area.

Mr. Craig moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application, as submitted. Second by Mr. Shazor.

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness application approved.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Town of Abingdon, owner; P.O. Box 789, Abingdon VA 24212; Floyd Bailey, representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for addition. Located at **238 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-125.**

Mr. Johnson presented the Board with the Town's Certificate of Appropriateness application to install a refurbished English phone booth in the municipal parking lot on Main Street, where the Abingdon sign is located, to be used as an informational kiosk. The location is adjacent to an area where parking is readily available and where foot traffic is high. The booth will have cameras both inside and outside.

Mrs. Costello made a motion to approve the installation of the refurbished phone booth at the location presented. Second by Mr. Craig. No additional discussion.

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness application approved.

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- (6) Discussion: Code Enforcement, C.J. McGlothlin.

Mr. McGlothlin provided the Board with an update to code enforcement cases he has been working on.

- 315 East Valley Street. A Leonard storage building was erected 8 years ago with the request to put tools in during renovation. Three notices of violation have been issued on this property. Mr. McGlothlin spoke to him on the phone two weeks ago. He is trying to sell the property and donate the building. He is to have it removed by May 30th.
- 562 Hume Street. This property had a house fire in 2013 leaving an unsafe building. The house was finally demolished two weeks ago.
- 217 Pippin Street. A complaint was received from a neighbor about this vacant, open structure. A notice of violation was issued. Mr. Johnson stated that they have requested to demolish the current home and replace it with another structure.
- 751 East Main Street. Multiple calls have been received regarding donation boxes with constant trash and dumpster divers. Frontier Industries does not want to prosecute anyone going through the donations. They were given 14 days to remove the trash and 30 days to present a plan to the Town of how to remedy the situation. They removed both the trash and the donation receptacles.
- The Hutton House on Hutton and Main. Mr. McGlothlin is going to try to get the home painted since the siding is in bad shape.
- 507 Butt Street. There was a gas leak in this property last year and two tenants were displaced. The owner has passed away and the new family members are working on fixing the building.
- Quality Inn asked to have an extension on their painting deadline due to bad weather. Mr. Johnson will send a reminder.
- 473 Walden Road. A technical review board with Marion Watts is looking into this property.

- Mr. Johnson, Mr. Taylor and Mr. McGlothlin met with Ernie Sullins who stated he is using the semi truck trailer to keep Bella’s Restaurant traffic from using his lot. They are still investigating the situation and trying to find a solution that is kind to both neighbors.

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(7) Director of Planning Reports.

Mr. Johnson met with Donnie Necessary from VDOT regarding issues at exits 17 and 19 who explained that state has not given him any funds to distribute and that exit 19 is more of a priority for them because highway 58 is a road of state significance. He stated that cost sharing would help potential projects score higher on their priorities. After further discussion, Mr. Johnson mentioned the possibility of having Mr. Necessary come talk to the Board.

Mr. Johnson has been in contact with the County and a joint Town/County Planning Commission meeting will most likely be planned for the near future.

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There being no further business, Councilman Humphreys made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Craig. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Wayne Austin, Chairman

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Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary