

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2010 - 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, April 26, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman
Dr. H. Ramsey White, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly
Mr. Kenneth Shuman
Mr. Gary Kimbrell
Ms. Francine Ivery

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Mabe
Mr. Jeff (~~Last Name Unknown~~), Manager, Walgreens

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, March 22, 2010

Mr. Shuman made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, March 22, 2010, be approved as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Walgreens #9948**, 106 Wilmot Road, Deerfield, Illinois 66015 and **Budget Signs Tamra Fain, Permit Specialist/Representative**, 3122 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24012; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing freestanding manual reader board with electronic message board, **located at 668 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 17 (1) 11A.**

This a request for approval to replace the existing freestanding manual reader board with an electronic message board. The existing sign will be removed from the current location between the Walgreens building and West Main Street and moved east and further back from the road.

The LED message board will be 8 ft. 8 in. x 2 ft. 8 in. (24.9 sq. ft.) and will be placed within a brick monument, matching the existing building brick. A sign containing the Walgreens logo 3 ft. 4 in. x 3 ft. 7.5 in (12.3 sq. ft.) will be placed underneath the LED message board on both sides of the monument.

Mr. Jackson explained that relocation of this signage has been discussed with the staff since 2006. The current monument is located too close to West Main Street and in the line of sight of the traffic signals. The new location will place the sign almost “into” the parking lot and further back. The square footage of the LED is over the required limit, but there has been leniency on the Commission’s behalf in the past.

After discussion, Mrs. Lowe made a motion to approve the LED electronic message board, subject to the size of the sign being no larger than allowed by the sign regulations. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

VOTE:

- Mrs. Lowe Aye
- Mr. Kimbrell Aye
- Mr. Kelly Aye
- Dr. White Aye
- Mrs. Ivery Aye
- Mr. Shuman Aye
- Mr. Bundy Aye

The motion passed.

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Mr. Jackson presented a new agenda item to the members, which will be listed on all Planning Commission agendas, beginning in May 2010. The item, called SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) will help the members compile a list of items that staff can work on throughout the month and assist the members in planning efforts, in order to be more proactive instead of reactive.

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There being no further business, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary