

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, July 23 2007, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

Mr. Gary Kimbrell, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Gary Kimbrell, Chairman
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Matthew T. Bundy
Mr. Kenneth Shuman
Dr. Todd Pillion
Dr. H. Ramsey White, Jr.

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services & Construction
Mr. Jim C. Smith, Director of Wastewater Operations/Town Engineer

Visitors: Mr. Edward Cozart
Mr. Marty Gearhart
Mr. Richard Musick

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 25, 2007

Mr. Shuman made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, June 25, 2007 be approved as presented. Dr. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT - Robert Weisfeld, 170 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 8, Section 8-2B-2 Special Uses, of the Zoning Ordinance, in the Old & Historic District, of the Town of Abingdon, for the use of Museum, to be located at 170 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 110.

This is a request for approval of a Special Use Permit to allow a Museum in Sub-District 3 of the Old and Historic District.

After discussion, Mr. Kelly made a motion that the request for the Special Use Permit be approved. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion, with unanimous approval

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(4) PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED REZONING - Edward Cozart, P. O. Box 613, Abingdon, VA 24212; application to rezone property located between Colonial Road and West Main Street on the north side of such street, with total acreage being 1.7, from Limited Industrial (M-1) to General Business District (B-2). Tax Map No. 17 (1) 19.

This is a request for approval to rezone property located between Colonial Road and West Main Street on the north side of such street, total acreage being 1.7, from Limited Industrial (M-1) to General Business District (B-2).

After discussion, Mrs. Lowe made a motion that the request to rezone property located between Colonial Road and West Main Street on the north side of such street, identified as Tax Map No. 17 (1) 19, be rezoned from Limited Industrial (M-1) to General Business District (B-2). Mr. Bundy seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Enterprise (Enterprise-Rent-A-Center), owner, 1138 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; (two (2) applications submitted), each Certificate of Appropriateness requesting approval of one (1) sign (total of two (2) signs) to be located at 1138 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 104C2 (2) 24.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) 2 ft. x 10 ft., single face, internally illuminated box sign, wall mounted, bolted into fascia and will be located on the front elevation at 1138 West Main Street. In addition, approval is requested for one (1) 2 ft. x 10 ft. double face internally illuminated pylon sign, mounted by welded plates to 6 in. round, steel pole. The overall height will be 15 ft. and shall be setback 15 ft. from the property line. The total square footage of both signs is the minimum allowed 60 sq. ft. Each proposed sign will have background colors of black, opaque and green, with black border and white lettering.

After discussion, Mr. Shuman made a motion, that the two signs be approved as presented. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion.

VOTE:

- Mr. Shuman Aye
- Mrs. Lowe Aye
- Mr. Kelly Aye
- Dr. Pillion Aye
- Dr. White Aye
- Mr. Bundy Abstained

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(6) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Highlands Union Bank, James J. Riffe, Representative, 164 Old Jonesboro Road, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove existing time and temperature unit on existing sign located at 164 Old Jonesboro Road and replace with electronic message center. Tax Map No. 104C2 (12) 1.**

This is a request for approval of one (1), 3 ft. x 8 ft. electronic message center, black background with red lighting, to replace the existing time and temperature unit and marquee.

Members of the Planning Commission discussed several concerns they had regarding the requested sign, as noted:

- Number of seconds between message change
- Intensity to be used for day and night
- Message to fade only, no flash, no scroll
- Town Manager’s discretion if sign becomes traffic hazard
- Change in color of lettering from bright red to amber

After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Lowe made a motion to approve requested change from the existing sign to proposed sign, with the stipulation that the applicant include all of the requirements of the Overlay District requirements and upon approval, final color of lettering will be selected by the Town Manager and Director of Planning. Dr. Pillion seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mrs. Lowe	Aye
Dr. Pillion	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Shuman	Aye
Dr. White	Abstained
Mr. Bundy	Abstained

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Mr. Jackson advised that the Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Monday, August 27, 2007, 7:00 P.M. for the review of the Comprehensive Plan updates. A copy of the Plan will be delivered to each member of Planning Commission, as soon as possible.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gary Kimbrell, Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary