

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 - 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, September 22, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Chairman  
Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe  
Mr. Gary Kimbrell

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mr. Gregory W. Kelly  
Dr. Todd Pillion  
Dr. H. Ramsey White, Jr.

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning  
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director of Planning/Zoning  
Mr. Jim C. Smith, Director of Wastewater Operations/Town Engineer  
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services & Construction  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: None

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 25, 2008  
(Minutes incomplete)

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(3) DISCUSSION - Traffic Calming

At the August meeting, it was agreed upon by the Planning Commission to complete a study regarding Traffic Calming, with a report or recommendation to be forthcoming before the scheduled meeting in October of Town Council, at which time pedestrian safety is to be a part of the agenda.

Mr. Jackson explained that, as requested at the last Planning Commission meeting, the Public Works Department compiled information on Traffic Calming in different communities. The information consisted of measures taken and arguments against traffic calming.

Mr. Dew proceeded to review the information with the Planning Commission at which time several suggestions were made by Planning Commission members. Some of the suggestions included the possibility of the use of speed bumps and what impact they would have in different residential areas, creating guidelines to determine criteria, letting residents have input in identifying the needs. There was much interest shown in the information related to the Johnson City area and how Johnson City controls the traffic calming in that area.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Planning Commission to use the Johnson City Traffic Calming information as a guide, appointing a sub-committee from the Planning Commission to work with Mr. Dew, in creating guidelines to be followed in order to accommodate traffic calming requests for the Town of Abingdon.

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(4) DISCUSSION - Zoning Ordinance Revisions

Mr. Jackson explained that the Planning Department and Legal Staff had met each Wednesday since the last Planning Commission meeting, to review the Zoning Ordinance and begin making comprehensive changes.

The changes and/or corrections made were compared to other ordinances from across the Commonwealth and properly referenced to the *Code of Virginia*. He gave a detailed explanation of correction and additions made to Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4. The corrections and additions, attached, are made a part of these minutes.

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There being no further business, Mr. Kimbrell made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bundy seconded the motion, with unanimous approval and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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Kenneth Shuman, Chairman

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Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary