

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2008 - 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, October 27, 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
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly
Mr. Gary Kimbrell
Dr. Todd Pillion

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mrs. Cathy Lowe
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: Ms. Kathy Lowe

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, August 25, 2008
Regular Meeting, September 22, 2008

Mr. Kimbrell made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, August 25, 2008 approved. Mr. Bundy seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Bundy made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, September 22, 2008 be approved. Mr. Kimbrell seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mr. Bundy Aye
Mr. Kimbrell Aye
Mr. Shuman Aye
Mr. Kelly Abstained
Dr. Pillion Abstained

The motion passed.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Scrubbies Car Wash, Michael W. Small, Owner, Representative, 21129 Skyward Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation of car wash structure located at 931 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 16 (4) 4.**

The applicant is seeking approval of a site plan and façade design of a car wash facility to be located on Village Boulevard, in one of the two outparcels in front of the Colonial Square Center (Food Lion). This property is zoned B-2, Commercial and EC Entrance Corridor. A car wash is allowed as a use by right in the B-2 District.

Mr. Jackson stated that no one is present at this meeting to represent the application, and further explained that there were several requirements for this project still incomplete. He further stated that a traffic study may need to be completed.

Mr. Kimbrell made a motion that this application be tabled until further notice. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Ecumenical Faith In Action, Inc., Owner, Bundy Architecture & Engineering, Inc., Representative, 798 Hillman Highway, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of two (2) new additions to be located at 798 Hillman Highway. Tax Map No. 106 (1) 1A.**

Ms. Kathy Lowe, Director, Ecumenical Faith in Action, stated the builders for this project could not be present at this meeting but she would be glad to answer questions the Planning Commission might have.

Mr. Bundy explained that the applicant is seeking approval of two (2) additions to the existing structure located at 798 Hillman Highway. This proposed addition will allow the Stone Food Pantry to better serve the needs of the community with a larger food warehouse. The additions will match the current building in color scheme, light brown siding and maroon/red roofing materials. The parking area remain gravel to decrease the amount of storm water runoff from the site.

Mr. Kelly asked if there was a landscaping plan for this project and Mr. Bundy stated that, at this time, there was no landscaping plan but that it would be considered.

After discussion, Mr. Kelly made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to a landscaping plan being submitted to the Planning Commission for review. Mr. Kimbrell seconded the motion.

VOTE:

- Mr. Kelly Aye
- Mr. Kimbrell Aye
- Dr. Pillion Aye
- Mr. Shuman Aye
- Mr. Bundy Abstained

The motion passed.

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DISCUSSION

- Mr. Jackson stated that the discussion of Zoning Ordinance Revisions were being tabled upon request by Mrs. Lowe.
- Mr. Kelly stated that there was a Work Session with Town Council on Saturday, October 25 and the Town Council requested that a notice go out with all Real Estate Tax tickets, stating the Town is in the process of doing a comprehensive revision of the Zoning Ordinance and from time to time will be reviewing changes. The purpose of the notice was to notify all property owners, in order that they might plan to attend the meetings and have an input in the changes being made.
- There was discussion of appointing a sub-committee to make recommendation on traffic calming. Mr. Kelly explained that the purpose of the committee would be working together to adopt guidelines for staff to follow, not pinpointing particular properties in Town. He stated that Dr. White and Mr. Bundy have volunteered to serve on this committee and possibly Mrs. Lowe, with Dr. White serving as Chairman of the committee.

After discussion, Mr. Kimbrell made a motion that the sub-committee be appointed as discussed. Mr. Bundy seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- Mr. Jackson explained that Washington County is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a few chapters at a time, of which the Town has been given a draft. Town Council has requested to draft a letter to the County Planning Commission, requesting that any Public Hearing be postponed until the Town has reviewed any changes and allowing the Town, the opportunity to submit recommendations because there are several items that affect the Town in some way.
- Maria Kennedy, a resident of 461 Russell Road, stated that she lives at the corner of Russell /Road and Henry Street, behind Olley Cox. She shares a driveway with Mr. Cox and one other property owner. For some unknown reason, Mr. Cox has been blocking the shared driveway with piled-up lumber, trash cans, cones tree trunk sliced in half, painted and used as a speed bump, as well as art being displayed. Ms. Kennedy explained that this is a nuisance, and the art is something you would not want your family seeing.

Mr. Jackson stated that letters have been mailed to all persons involved, asking them to respect their neighbors and discontinue the current nuisances being used in the driveway. Mr. Jackson explained that Mr. Cox had visited the Town offices, after receiving his letter, indicating that he is in agreement with the request of the letter but does not agree that his yard art is a nuisance.

Mr. Kelly advised that the Town will research this matter further and see if there is some legal alternative or course that the Town can take regarding the situation, as this is not the first time it has been discussed.

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There being no further business, Mr. Kelly made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kimbrell seconded the motion, with unanimous approval and the meeting was adjourned.

Kenneth Shuman, Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary