

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010 - 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, November 22, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Dr. H. Ramsey White, Jr.
Mr. Matthew T. Bundy

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mr. Gary Kimbrell, Chairman
Ms. Francine Ivery

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

Visitors: Mr. John S. Ponish

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, October 25, 2010

Mr. Bundy made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, October 25, 2010, be approved as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mr. Bundy Aye
Mr. Kelly Aye
Mr. Howard Aye
Dr. White Aye
Mr. Shuman Aye

The motion passed.

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Highlands Development LLC, John S. Ponish, Representative**, P. O. Box 4002, Wise, VA 24293; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of demolition of existing rear addition and replaced with a new 2-story construction for use as an office complex, with property being **located at 479 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 18 (1) 18.**

This is a request for approval to demolish the existing 16 ft. x 16 ft., block and vinyl, rear addition of structure located at 479 West Main Street and replace with construction of a new 24 ft. x 44 ft. 2-story office complex.

The proposed construction will be wood frame, first floor having slab on grade, with Gray vinyl siding, Green metal roof to complement and/or accentuate the remaining original building. All doors, windows, gutters, and downspouts will match existing structure. The existing building façade on the remaining structure will join the new/existing structures together, per plans presented with application. The structure will have exterior wall mounted lighting and will also have an off-street parking area provided with a type of porous pavement to facilitate storm water runoff.

After discussion, Mr. Howard made a motion to approve request for the demolition of existing rear addition and replace with a new 2-story construction, as presented, for use as an office complex. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

VOTE:

- Mr. Howard Aye
- Mr. Kelly Aye
- Mr. Bundy Aye
- Dr. White Aye
- Mr. Shuman Aye

The motion passed.

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- (4) DISCUSSION - Creation of Town “Districts”, i.e. Park Street District, Courthouse Hill District, etc., as discussed in the 2027 Comprehensive Plan, to be utilized in proposed way finding signage.

Staff presented a map displaying their representation of the Town District, per their previous discussion with the Planning Commission. Mr. Jackson described each district’s geographic location and the color and logo that could be used to describe each. The Planning Commission members were pleased with the plan and offered suggestions to include other areas of Town like the Abingdon High School and Washington County School Board campuses. A narrative will be created for the December meeting to better layout the ideas.

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- (5) Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Session

A discussion of some of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that need to be recognized and considered for future planning.

Mr. Jackson presented the idea of creating a “Good Neighbor Award” for those property owners in Town who have gone above and beyond to add to the beauty of Abingdon. Ideas were discussed for awards that would be given to those who have a property from blight, that fix up properties and add unique features to the landscape.

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There being no further business, Mr. Shuman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary