



**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, 5:15 P.M  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**A. WELCOME – Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**B. ROLL CALL – Mayana Rice, Community Development Director**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>Mr. Peyton Boyd</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mrs. Betsy White (Arrived at 5:20)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mr. Mike Owens</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mr. Byrum Geisler</b>	<b>Present</b>

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**COMPRISING A QUORUM of the BOARD:    Yes**

**GUEST:    NONE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

**Mayana Rice, Community  
Development Director  
Gabe Cristofari, Planner/GIS  
Janice Dornon, Secretary**

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**C.    CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**1. Certificate of Appropriateness –Greeko’s Grill & Café, 211 W. Main St.; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 211 W. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-71) (VIDEO 27:55 – 40:20)**

Mr. Mustafa Ahmed represented the property located at 211 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA.

Mr. Ahmed has requested a 4x4 and a 2x2 sign for his new expanded business, Rendezvous International Café, located at 211 W. Main St., the sign will be lighted from above.

The board stated that per the guidelines a business was only allowed to have one sign, not to exceed the allowed square footage.

**On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mrs. White the board voted to allow only one 4 x 4 sign at 211 W. Main Street.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mr. Peyton Boyd  
Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**2. Certificate of Appropriateness – *Peddling Jack's, 114 Court St. NE; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 114 Court St. NE, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-62) (VIDEO 40:35 – 44:28)***

Mr. Derek Jones represented the property located at 114 Court Street, Abingdon, VA.

Mr. Jones is proposing a composite wood sign, honey wood color with black writing to be placed at street level hanging from an iron bracket. The business will be located on the second floor of the building that houses the Tumbling Creek Cider Company-Taproom.

**On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn the board voted to approve the COA as submitted.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mr. Peyton Boyd  
Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Mike Owens  
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**E. MEETING OBJECTIVES – PRESERVATION PLAN (VIDEO 50:00 – 1:40:22)**

**1. Finalize the Preservation Plan Goals and Objectives**

**2. Finalize a timeline for the Kickoff Event and Zone Map Amendment to Expand OH District**

	<b>Goals</b>	<b>Action Plan</b>
<b>1</b>	Improve awareness of and appreciation for the District among its property owners, its potential property owners, and the general public.	<p>1.) Host a public event to showcase preservation practices for a successful Historic District.</p> <p>2.) Attend local Realtor meetings to provide education about the Historic District through a presentation.</p> <p>3.) Create a revised pocket version of the guidelines for Realtors and homeowners.</p>
<b>2</b>	Improve the value of the Historic District to those who live in and visit the Historic District.	<p>1.) Focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety and suggest a traffic study to the Town Council to mitigate speeding on Valley Street and Main Street</p> <p>2.) Create walking tours for the Historic District.</p>
<b>3</b>	Improve the effectiveness of the historic preservation review process through continuing education of its review board and through regular review and updates of its preservation ordinance.	<p>1.) Continued education for commissioners and community members.</p> <p>2.) Review new Zoning &amp; Subdivision Ordinance Updates. Mrs. Rice to share a draft of the new Ordinance updates.</p>
<b>4</b>	Improve an understanding of and efficiency in administering the historic district by expanding it to match the footprint of the federal / state footprint	<p>1.) Update Town of Abingdon Historic District footprint to match the state footprint, starting with the 300 block of East Main Street, Park Street, Oak Hill, and William King.</p>

**TIMELINE WORKSHEET**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>DATE TO COMPLETE</b>	<b>DATE ACTION COMPLETED</b>
1	Submit a grant to the National Trust of Historic Preservation for \$5,000.	January 31, 2022	January 31, 2022
2	National Trust of Historic Preservation Grant rewarded by April 1, 2022		
3	Door-to-Door invites to the kick-off event.	1 <sup>st</sup> week of August	
4	Mail invitations for the kick-off event.	1 <sup>st</sup> week of August	
5	Social Media Invitations and a Press Release.	Week of August 8 <sup>th</sup>	
6	Kick-Off Event, held at the Train Station	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	
7	Draft Zoning Map Amendment	October	
8	Adopt the Zoning Map Amendment	October/November	

**F. BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Mayana Rice introduced the new Community Development Department member, Gabe Cristofari, Planner/GIS to the Town of Abingdon.

Mr. Gabe Cristofari gave the board a brief bio of his career and his journey to the Town of Abingdon.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn recommending that the meeting be adjourned with no further business to address.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

- Mr. Peyton Boyd**
- Mrs. Betsy White**
- Mr. Mike Owens**
- Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn**
- Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**Adjourn Time: 6:35 P.M.**

  
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Janice Dornon, Secretary

  
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Byrum Geisler, Chairman