# TOWN OF ABINGDON PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 5:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

- A. Kenny Shuman Chairman called the meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call Mayana Rice, Assistant Town Manager

# **Members Present:**

Mr. Kenny Shuman	Present
Mr. Kirk Sproles	Present
Mr. Michael Weaver	Present
Mr. Chad Pennington	Present
Mr. Scott Wilson	Present
Mr. Jeff Johnson	Present
Mr. Wayne Austin	Present

**Members Absent:** None

# Comprising a quorum of the Commission - Yes

# **Administrative Staff Present:**

Mrs. Mayana Rice – Assistant Town Manager Mr. Gabe Cristofari – Senior Planner/GIS Mr. Nick Howard – Planning Technician

**Guests: None** 

- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 24, 2022. (VIDEO 6:17 6:55)
  - April 24, 2023, Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Austin, the Planning Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2023, as presented.

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

Mr. Wayne Austin
Mr. Jeff Johnson
Aye
Mr. Michael Weaver
Abstain
Mr. Kirk Sproles
Aye
Mr. Chad Pennington
Aye
Mr. Scott Wilson
Aye
Mr. Kenny Shuman
Abstain

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

# E. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Shaked!, 284 W Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Certificate of Appropriateness for Signage. Located at 284 W Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. (Tax Map 011-8-25) (VIDEO 7:14 – 10:01)

# A. Staff report

- **B.** Applicant presentation
- C. PC discussion and decision

Mr. Cristofari provided the staff report.

Cassie Edward (Applicant/Owner) and Jerry's Signs (Representative) have requested approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new wall sign, located at 284 W. Main Street, Abingdon (Parcel 011-8-25).

The property is within the Central Business District (B-3).

Shaked! Bakes and Couture Milkshakes will be occupying Anthony's Desserts' former location. The proposed signage will be placed in the same location Anthony's Desserts had their signage.

The proposed wall sign measures 90 in. x 28 in. = 17.5 sq. ft. The total length of the primary elevation is roughly 30.2 ft. making the allowable square footage 60.4 sq. ft. The square footage for the proposed wall sign meets Abingdon's General Sign Standards.

The proposed wall signage will be fabricated out of 0.063 aluminum and have black vinyl lettering. The background of the sign will be white with a black and gold border. The proposed wall sign appears to be roughly the same size as Wolf Hills Antiques' sign found almost immediately to the East. The proposed wall sign appears to be the same size and placed in the same location as Anthony's Desserts' signage when located at 284 W. Main Street. Anthony's Desserts signage previously attached to the primary elevation of 284 W. Main Street was fabricated out of aluminum.

On a motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the board voted to approve the application as presented.

- 2. Certificate of Appropriateness Papa Julio's, 735 E Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Certificate of Appropriateness for Signage. Located at 735 E Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. (Tax Map 007-1-1) (VIDEO 10:02 12:54)
  - A. Staff report
  - **B.** Applicant presentation
  - C. PC discussion and decision

Mr. Cristofari provided the staff report.

Papa Julio's (Applicant/Owner) and Jason Rust (Representative) have requested approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new wall sign, located at 735 E. Main Street, Abingdon (Parcel 007-1-1).

The property is within the General Business District (B-2).

Papa Julio's will be occupying Tenderloins Steaks & Seafood's former location. The proposed signage will be placed in the same location Tenderloins Steaks & Seafood had their signage.

The proposed wall sign measures 86.71 in. x 139.77 in. = 84.16 sq. ft. The total length of the bump out is roughly 38.6 ft. making the allowable square footage 77.2 sq. ft., or if you count the bump out as an extension of the primary elevation and not its own separate entity then the primary elevation measures 74.7 ft. making the allowable square footage 154.4 sq. ft. The square footage for the proposed wall sign meets Abingdon's General Sign Standards depending on how the primary elevation is interpreted.

The proposed wall signage will be fabricated out of aluminum, have an acrylic face, and be internally illuminated. The proposed wall sign will be placed in the same location as Tenderloins Steaks & Seafood's signage when located at 735 E. Main Street.

On a motion by Mr. Sproles, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the board voted to approve the application as presented.

- 3. Certificate of Appropriateness 260 Main LLC, 260 W Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Changes. Located at 260 W Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. (Tax Map 011-8-4) (VIDEO 12:56 22:39)
  - A. Staff report
  - **B.** Applicant presentation
  - C. PC discussion and decision

Mr. Cristofari provided the staff report.

Taylor Lindsey (Applicant/Owner) has requested approval of an Entrance Corridor Certificate of Appropriateness for an exterior egress stairs attached to the East elevation of structure. Located at 260 W. Main Street. (Parcel 011-1-86A).

The property is within the Central Business District (B-3).

According to "Places In Time Volume II" by Nanci C. King, the structure was built in 1914.

The applicant proposed to construct a wooden rear deck extension and patio area for dining and entertaining purposes. Currently there is an existing wooden deck attached to a wood frame addition, however the existing deck is only accessible to the public through an existing catering kitchen. The proposed pressure treated wooden deck would tie into the existing deck to ensure the deck connects to the rear entrance, and not directly to the existing catering kitchen. The decking would have a metal railing prefinished black. Screening in the form of barn doors will be used to shield the existing smoker and associated wood debris.

Concerning windows, the applicant proposed to replace all windows with new windows that will match the existing in appearance according to this 1950 photograph. The only difference between the existing and proposed windows can be found when comparing materials. The original windows were only wood construction. The applicant is proposing wood clad with aluminum. Both the existing and proposed would be finished white.

On the primary elevation the applicant proposes to restore the existing "ABINGDON HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO." painted signage and the "WITHERS" stone name plate to match existing.

The applicant proposed to install a wrought iron fence and masonry raised garden beds. These two forms of barriers will help define the intended seating area from the parking area. Raised garden beds on wheels will be utilized as well to provide flexibility in laying out the outdoor space as needed on a day-to-day basis. The new patio seating area will be paved with concrete and brick pavers.

Mr. Shuman inquired about the painting that will be taking place above the windows on the front.

Mr. Beaty stated that the painting taking place was approved at a previous Planning Commission meeting. It will not need to be approved a second time at this meeting because the work is still ongoing.

Mr. Beaty stated that he is fine with screening the dumpster at the rear of the building.

On a motion by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the board voted to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented on the condition that the dumpster is screened, also.

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

Mr. Kenny Shuman	Aye
Mr. Kirk Sproles	Aye
Mr. Michael Weaver	Aye
Mr. Chad Pennington	Aye
Mr. Scott Wilson	Aye
Mr. Jeff Johnson	Aye
Mr. Wayne Austin	Aye

# F. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 22:45 – 27:20)

Mr. Austin brought an item to the attention of the board. At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting the board approved a zoning text amendment which provided for a change in that ordinance to allow for 60 days to pass before a board member can retain their seat for a third term as long as no one had applied for the seat. This was presented to the Town Council for approval. A motion was made and seconded by the Council to reduce this back to 30 days as originally proposed. This motion was defeated in a 4-1 vote and a substitute motion was made to allow for 45 days before the decision can be made. This motion was approved.

# G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

# H. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson motions to adjourn. Mr. Austin seconds the motion.

# The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Kenny Shuman	Aye
Mr. Kirk Sproles	Aye
Mr. Michael Weaver	Aye
Mr. Chad Pennington	Aye
Mr. Scott Wilson	Aye
Mr. Jeff Johnson	Aye
Mr. Wayne Austin	Aye

Adjourn Time 5:52 P.M.	
Kenny Shuman, Chairman	Mayana Rice. Assistant Town Manager

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