



**Radford Planning Commission
Monday, July 19, 2021
Municipal Building**

Members Present:

Mr. Gillespie
Ms. Hamden
Mrs. Huntington
Mr. Watson
Mr. Howard, Chairperson

Absent

Dr. Pearce, Mr. Collier

Staff/Visitors:

Melissa Skelton, City Staff

Chairperson Howard called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Radford City Council Chambers at 10 Robertson Street, Radford Virginia, a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Huntington.

Voting Yes: Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Howard

Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2021

Minutes were recommended for approval by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Hamden.

Voting Yes: Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Howard

Abstain: Mr. Gillespie

Public Address: No public comments provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Slate of Officers

SUMMARY: Naomi made the recommendations for the slate of officers, Mr. Howard suggested that Mr. Watson take over as chair, and made the motion nominate the slate of officer are as follows.

Chair – Mr. Watson
Vice-Chair – Mr. Howard
Secretary – Annie Pearce

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Hamden to approve the amended slate of officers.

Voting Yes: Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Howard
Voting No: None
Abstain:

SUBJECT: Consider approval of 2021-22 Calendar

ACTION: A motion was made by Ms. Hamden, seconded by Mr. Gillespie to approve the FY 2021-22 calendar.

August meeting on the 30th pending if there is additional topic.

June meeting move the Wednesday June 22 to reflex Juneteenth holiday

Voting Yes: Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Howard

Voting No: None

Abstain:

DISCUSSION:

Mixed Use Zoning –

Mr. Howard asked if we had underlying use is R4 and if there is guarded protection from multi-family development within MU.

Staff responded that any proposed multi-family development would have to go through the Special User Permit process.

Mr. Watson stated that is was his understanding that the proposed changes did not extend as far down as the MU is showing

Staff recommended to bring a large big print out of the proposed MU rezoning so PC can be sure everyone is in agreement of the location for the proposed changes.

Housing Study –

Staff recommended being ready for discussing the Radford Strategies and University strategies for discussion at next meeting.

Staff Report – Provided an update for the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Howard shared that he attended a meeting with the Regional Commission regarding the East Main Downtown Revitalization.

Ms. Skelton shared that RFP's went out today for East Main Street district, one for Pedestrian Improvements and the other for assistance with Building enhancements.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Gillespie – Thanked Tracy for his chairing all this time and look forward to working with Ryan.

Ms. Hamden – Echoed Seth's sentiments. Added she has always been impressed by his leadership and his style and gracious, humble and open minded.

Mr. Collier – Absent

Mrs. Huntington – No comment

Dr. Pearce – Absent

Mr. Watson – Shared there is a desire for permanent home for the farmer's market.

Ms. Huntington responded that they hoped the amphitheater will be a multi-use building to also house the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Howard – Thanked everyone for being patient, and working for the good of the community is appreciative of the group.

A motion was made by Ms. Huntington to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm, seconded by Ms. Hamden.

Voting Yes: Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Howard

Voting No:

Abstain:

Submitted by: Melissa Skelton, Secretary

Date: July 19, 2021

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