

Minutes

City Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers, 2400 Washington Ave
Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 2:00 PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharyn L. Fox, Chairperson; LaMonte Williams, Vice-Chairperson; Randie T. Dyess, Jr.; Timothy Grabowski; Phillip Jones; Willard G. Maxwell, Jr.; Philip Shook; and Katie Stodghill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheila W. McAllister, Planning Director; Flora D. Chioros, Assistant Director – Current Planning; Kenar Johnson, Planner I; Sharon Baum, Landscape Planner; and Lynn Spratley, Senior Deputy City Attorney

A. Call to Order

Senior Deputy City Attorney Lynn Spratley called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

B. Planning Commission Creed and Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Stodghill read the Planning Commission’s purpose as stated in Section 15.2-2210 of the Code of Virginia. She made a motion to adopt the agenda before the Planning Commission. Ms. Fox seconded the motion. The City Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda by acclamation.

C. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Dr. Maxwell.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Grabowski led the Planning Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Election of Officers

Planning Commission Chair

Ms. Spratley opened the floor for the nomination of Chairperson for the Planning Commission. Ms. Stodghill made a motion to nominate Ms. Fox as Chairperson. Mr. Grabowski seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, they were closed. Ms. Spratley called for a vote for the position of Chair.

Vote on Roll Call

For: Maxwell, Jones, Shook, Williams, Fox, Dyess, Grabowski, Stodghill

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to elect Ms. Fox to the position of Chairperson.

Planning Commission Vice-Chair

After being elected Chairperson, Ms. Fox presided over the meeting. She thanked her fellow commissioners for electing her Chairperson. Ms. Fox opened the floor for the nomination of Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Mr. Williams as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, they were closed. Ms. Fox called for a vote for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Jones stated he appreciates Mr. Williams and all of the work he has done with the Choice Neighborhood initiative. He stated he attended a Zoom meeting Mr. Williams presided over with 60 participants and Mr. Williams did a good job. Mr. Jones stated he hopes Mr. Williams brings that same passion to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Vote on Roll Call:

For: Jones, Shook, Williams, Fox, Dyess, Grabowski, Stodghill, Maxwell,

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (8:0) to elect Mr. Williams to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

F. Minutes

The minutes of the December 21, 2021 public hearing were approved as presented.

G. Executive Secretary Report

Ms. McAllister congratulated Ms. Fox and Mr. Williams on their appointments as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Ms. McAllister stated on December 14, 2021, City Council approved the IndeDwell rezoning at 520 21st Street and 2200 Terminal Avenue.

Ms. McAllister stated on January 11, 2022, City Council approved the conditional use permit for an auto body and paint shop at 529 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard and the three zoning text amendments.

Ms. McAllister stated on February 2, 2022, Planning Commission will hear a conditional use permit for a heavy equipment and storage (rental) facility at 66 Richneck Road. She stated the property is zoned M1 Light Industrial.

H. Committee Reports

Ms. Fox asked if there is a need to assign any Planning Commissioner representatives to a committee. Ms. McAllister stated we need someone appointed to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) committee. Ms. Fox asked if Mr. Grabowski would be willing to serve. Mr. Grabowski stated yes. Ms. Fox gave a brief description of the CDBG Committee and its purpose.

I. New Business

Ms. Fox asked the Planning Commission and planning staff to introduce themselves.

Mr. Williams congratulated Ms. Fox for being awarded Humanitarian of the Year. Ms. Fox thanked Mr. Williams and said it is an honor to be chosen.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.



Recording Secretary



Executive Secretary