

**Town of Farmville Planning Commission
Town Council Chamber of the Town Hall
116 North Main Street, Farmville, VA
23901 Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Patterson called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Members Present: Vice-Chairperson Cameron Patterson, Secretary Abigail O'Connor, Jerry Davenport, Jayne Johnson, and Rhett Weiss.

Planning Commission Members Absent: Chairperson John Miller and Patrick Crute

Staff Present: Director of Community Development Lee Pambid and Administrative Assistant II Michelle Watkins

Introduction of new Commissioner: Vice-Chairperson Patterson Introduced Mr. Rhett Weiss, new Commissioner for the Town of Farmville Planning Commission.

Mr. Weiss briefly shared his background with the Commission. He stated that he joined the Farmville, VA community on December 1, 2021. He had previously been in attendance with the public audience at a Town of Farmville Planning Commission meeting and expressed that the matters of planning, land use, and zoning is near and dear to his heart.

Mr. Weiss is a lawyer by training, but no longer practices law. He also has professional experience in real estate related land use and zoning, economic development on the behalf of various companies, and that he had been an executive for Google and Amazon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairperson Patterson noted the agenda was distributed and asked if there were any corrections. On a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Davenport, and with all present members voting "aye", the agenda was approved with no corrections.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting -June 15, 2022

Vice-Chairperson Patterson noted that the minutes had been likewise distributed and asked if there were any corrections or revisions. On a Motion by Ms. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Davenport, and with all present members voting "aye," the minutes from June 15, 2022, were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice-Chairperson Patterson opened the public participation portion of the meeting. Mr. Pambid reported that staff had not received any comments or requests to speak from the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings scheduled.

STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Pambid reported to the Commission that there was a monthly department report included in their meeting package that they had received. He noted the report contained qualitative information in terms of what staff has been doing from a training standpoint and other activities in the department. The report also contained statistics on permit approval, FAB ridership, and airport fuel sales.

Mr. Pambid shared with the Commission that the Town of Farmville is re-advertising for the Building Official position. He mentioned that the Board of Zoning Appeals was scheduled to meet on June 23, 2022, However, the meeting was rescheduled for Thursday July 28, 2022 due to unforeseen circumstances.

Vice-Chairperson Patterson followed up by providing the Commissioners with details of the Reimaging Longwood Village briefing which was listed as an item of interest in the staff report. He shared that STEPS, a local non-profit organization in Farmville has been leading an effort to partner with the Better Housing Coalition of Richmond. He mentioned that the organizations are exploring the possibilities of the future use of Longwood Village. He provided the Commission with upcoming meeting dates and encouraged them to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pambid provided the Commissioners with a brief update on the status of ZTA22-001 and ZTA22-002. He shared that the amendments are currently in the Town Councils' domain and the public hearings will most likely be held within the next month or so.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pambid spoke briefly about the Moton Museum Gateway Overlay District. He provided the Commission with a map that contained a draft from Georgia State University illustrating the overlay boundaries. He spoke about the district boundaries, language and extent of regulation, and type of review and decision. The next steps were to finish the first draft of language and present it to the stakeholders such as Georgia State University, Town Staff, Planning Commission, and Council Committee in August 2022.

Vice-Chairperson Patterson followed up by mentioning to the Commissioners that the Moton Museum is currently going through the World Heritage designation process. They have been working with thirteen other civil rights sites across the South to submit a joint serial nomination. He indicated that the World Heritage status is the highest form of historic designation that a historic site can receive, which is administered by a group called UNESCO.

The Commission and Staff briefly discussed the overlay district.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Davenport expressed his enthusiasm for the process and discussion of the Moton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-Chairperson Patterson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Davenport, seconded by Ms. O'Connor and with all present members voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle D. Watkins, Administrative Assistant II

Dr. John Miller, Chairperson

Abigail O'Connor, Secretary