

The Planning Commission of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, held a regular meeting on the 21st day of February 2023, at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers, Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia:

PRESENT: Commission Members: Shannon Boyle, Chair
William Flory
Michael Gibson
Hashim Halstead
Kenny Lee, Council Liaison
W. Lowrie Tucker
Nick Zawhorodny

Dir. of Community Development: Leslie Tate
City Planner &
Clerk of the Commission: Alisande Tombarge

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Mr. Zawhorodny to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Adoption of agenda.

Mr. Zawhorodny motioned to adopt the agenda; Mr. Gibson seconded. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

3. Review and approval of minutes of meeting held January 17, 2022.

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Zawhorodny seconded. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

4. Public comment period for items not on the agenda.

None.

5. Review of minor subdivision and final subdivision plats approved since the January 17, 2023, meeting.

Ms. Tombarge presented two subdivision plats. The first was a minor subdivision plat for Tax Map Nos. 40-3-115A and 40-3-115C located at 0 Bryant Drive, and the second was the final major subdivision plat for Ivy Commons Phase 1B.

6. Matters from staff.

Ms. Tate provided an overview of a traffic calming study that had been conducted in the Forest/Bader neighborhood in 2010. The study made several recommendations including that the stop signs be removed from Vedette and placed on the side streets instead.

Discussion ensued about possible measures to slow traffic down within the neighborhood including installing speed bumps and rumble strips and next steps for the continued review of the traffic flow through Vedette. The Commissioners asked Planning Staff to gather information about the crash history along the Vedette Avenue corridor and provide a summary of the most recent traffic counts

including speed data. Staff said they would provide additional information at a future meeting to continue the discussion.

Discussion shifted to the Rosser Avenue corridor from the Lew Dewitt/Windigrove intersection to Tiffany Drive and the issue of speeding and running of red lights and the need to more generally slow the traffic down. Ms. Tate mentioned that there is an approved and funded VDOT SMART SCALE project that would include work on signal timing and the coordination of the signal timing throughout that corridor.

7. Commissioners' correspondence and communications

Ms. Boyle asked that the Planning Commission consider initiating a zoning text amendment that would prohibit vape stores from locating within a certain distance from the City's schools. Vapes in schools was a huge issue and she was interested in trying to do something to help address it.

Ms. Tate mentioned that the potential new text amendment would only affect new vape stores, existing stores would be grandfathered in. In addition, she said that the commissioners could consider looking at addressing the aesthetics, in particular the lighting, that the vape shops install and use.

Ms. Boyle agreed that working on something for aesthetics would be good as well. She asked if her fellow commissioners were interested in initiating such a zoning text amendment, and if so, asked if someone would make a motion to request that staff start working on a potential text amendment regulating vape shops distance from schools along with possible lighting restrictions for businesses city wide.

Mr. Gibson made such a motion. Mr. Hashim seconded. Vote was 6-1, with Mr. Tucker voting against.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zawhorodny seconded. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.