

side lacked convenient access to a city park. Mr. Gibson agreed and mentioned the Sunset Park project.

Ms. Boyle noted that the Planning Commission had worked hard to improve the zoning in Basic City to increase its friendliness to businesses and residents. Mr. Juday noted that the east side is a point of emphasis in the Comprehensive Plan, and it would be good if more people were to advocate for it. Ms. Boyle noted that Ms. Perry should talk to City Council as well.

Mr. Juday noted that the city was awarded a VDOT SMART Scale project slated to begin in 2023 that would add a lot of sidewalk along the East Main Street corridor. Mr. Arey noted that the city has applied for a grant to build a connector trail from the Crozet Tunnel Trail to Waynesboro.

Ms. Severs asked about the drawings in the Comprehensive Plan that focused on beautifying the entrance to the city on East Main Street. Mr. Juday confirmed the drawings were in the plan, but were not detailed plans for the entrance, instead concepts emphasizing the city's overall strategy.

Ms. Boyle thanked Ms. Perry for coming and speaking.

5. Public hearing on a request by Mark Holmes to rezone a 0.171-acre parcel, tax map #45-2-9B, located at 1017 New Hope Road from H-B (Highway Business) District to L-B (Local Business) District.

Ms. Tombarge presented. See the Staff Report posted for the June 22, 2021 planning commission meeting. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Mike Holmes, the applicant and property owner, spoke in support of the rezoning request. Mr. Holmes gave a brief overview of the history of his ownership of the building and what he intended to do with the property if the rezoning was approved. He noted the building was completed in 1820 rather than 1866.

Ms. Severs asked if Mr. Holmes intended to open the building to the public. Mr. Holmes indicated that he does intend to dedicate rooms to the building's various uses through history and allow people to visit. Ms. Severs said she thought it was important to allow public visitation since the building is a Waynesboro landmark. Mr. Holmes noted that he is trying to reclaim and reuse as much of the building's original materials as possible because of the historical significance. Mr. Gibson asked when the addition to the back of the building was added, noting it does not match the original building, and if Mr. Holmes intended to take it down. Mr. Holmes responded that the addition was built in the early 1900's and he intended to keep it because of its historical significance. Mr. Gibson asked if Mr. Holmes knew where the foundation for the blacksmith that had operated on the property at some point or does he plan to try and locate it. Mr. Holmes responded that they have found many historical items on the grounds including old newspapers and powder tins. Ms. Severs asked if there was any intention of displaying the items found on the grounds. Mr. Holmes confirmed there was. Mr. Gibson asked if Mr. Holmes was working with any historical archeologists, and Mr. Holmes indicated that he was not currently.

Ms. Boyle opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments, and Ms. Boyle closed the public hearing.

Mr. Arey motioned to recommend the rezoning to City Council. Mr. Gibson seconded. Vote was 6-0 in favor.

6. Update on Brownfields and Steering Committee selection

Mr. Juday discussed the need to appoint two or three planning commission representatives to the Steering Committee to help oversee EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Part of the Steering Committee's responsibilities would be to determine the final sites to be assessed. He noted that it would be beneficial to have those planning commissioners on the committee that have experience in the environmental field, and that he would talk with the consultant managing the grant to determine the final number of people needed.

7. Update on CDBG Entitlement projects.

Mr. Juday stated he would bring a draft list of potential 2021 CDBG projects for the Planning Commission to review to the next meeting in July.

8. Other Business/Commissioners' Correspondence and Communication.

Mr. Juday gave a short presentation on upcoming applications that will be on the July Planning Commission agenda.

Mr. Juday also acknowledged Ms. Jeanie McCutcheon as a long-time past planning commissioner and thanked her for coming out.

Mr. Arey commented, addressing the public comments given by Ms. Perry, that the city had recently brought back its sidewalk crew. Though it would be a slow process, eventually there will be a noticeable change in the quality of the sidewalks in the city. Mr. Juday noted that the sidewalk crew is responsible only for maintenance at this point.

Mr. Arey commented on the minutes from the May 22, 2021 meeting about the "No Parking" signs posted in the Claybrook subdivision after the new property owners had moved in. He stated that going forward there should be a provision in place to allow the granting of the Certificates of Occupancy only after "No Parking" signs are posted. Mr. Juday states there would be a process in place going forward. Ms. Severs noted that there should be a better way to mark the no parking areas than the signs posted in the Claybrook subdivision.

Mr. Gibson commented that it would be nice to put string lights down Main Street during the holidays. An episode of the TV show "Home Town" had given him the idea. Ms. Severs stated that the Destination Downtown Waynesboro group had been thinking of doing something similar and would be discussing that episode at an upcoming meeting.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Tucker moved to adjourn, and Mr. Gibson seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.