



TOWN OF HAYMARKET PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

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15000 Washington Street, Suite 100
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Monday, June 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the Town of Haymarket, VA, was held this evening in the Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Bob Weir called the meeting to order.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Aayush Kharel: Present, Commissioner Robert Hallet: Present, Commissioner Chuck Mason: Present, Councilman Bob Weir: Present, Commissioner Alexander Beyene: Absent, Chairman Matt Caudle: Absent.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Mr. Weir invited everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizen's Time

Mr. Weir opened citizen's time at 7:03 PM.

Mr. Don Wooden spoke regarding the sign ordinance amendments. Mr. Wooden provided examples from Lidl of the sign they are seeking approval for and expressed his desire to see a larger sign size for wall signs in the new zoning ordinance.

Jim Payne, 6680 Fayette Street, shared comments regarding the park shade structure, and asked how long the shade would last. He also expressed his desire to see development move forward at Crossroads Village.

Dottie Leonard, 14801 Washington Street, expressed her happiness for the Lidl and Aldi that is planned to come to town. She expressed frustration that the sign ordinance is too restrictive and the ordinance has not been addressed. She also expressed her dismay at the approval of a modern monument sign for Lidl which does not fit the historic nature of the town. Ms. Leonard did not agree with previous Commission discussion to have religious assembly organizations as a special use for the I-1 zoning district. Ms. Leonard expressed her gratitude for Mr. Kharel's service on the ARB and Planning Commission. Ms. Leonard argued that the 50 year rule for historic districts is meant for 50 years from when the historic district was declared. Ms. Leonard expressed her desire to keep the historic district intact.

IV. Minute Approval

1. Planning Commission - Work Session - May 17, 2021 6:00 PM

Mr. Weir asked for a motion to approve the May work session minutes. Mr. Kharel moved to approve the May Planning Commission Work Session minutes. Mr. Mason seconded. The motion carried.

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| RESULT: | ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Aayush Kharel, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Chuck Mason, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Aayush Kharel, Robert Hallet, Chuck Mason |

2. Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - May 17, 2021 7:00 PM

Mr. Weir asked for a motion to approve the May regular session minutes. Mr. Kharel moved to approve the May Planning Commission Regular Session minutes. Mr. Mason seconded. The motion carried.

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| RESULT: | ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Aayush Kharel, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Chuck Mason, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Aayush Kharel, Robert Hallet, Chuck Mason |

V. Agenda Items

1. Karter School Site Plan, 6905 Karter Robinson Drive

Town Planner Emily Lockhart began a discussion regarding the Karter School. One question was outstanding from the previous meeting about the handicap ramp that goes across the front of the property on Washington Street. Ms. Lockhart let the Commission know that the improvement is being completed by Van Metre as part of the Robinson Village plan. Karter School is only doing improvements within their parcel. Ms. Lockhart will speak with Van Metre to enlarge the ramp. Mr. Weir suggested that both ends of the ramp be widened. Ms. Lockhart wrote a motion to conditionally approve the site plan, so long as they follow the conditions to submit outside agency approval and adequately address the town engineer's comments. Mr. Weir asked for the motion. Mr. Mason made the motion. Mr. Kharel seconded. The motion carried.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Chuck Mason, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Aayush Kharel, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Aayush Kharel, Robert Hallet, Chuck Mason |

VI. Old Business

Ms. Lockhart provided an update on old business. This includes the continuation of the zoning text amendments. The draft will hopefully be in front of the Planning Commission at the July regular meeting. Transform Power Yoga will submit their third submission of their site plan at the next meeting. An updated plan was recently received. The Starbucks SUP was denied by Town Council. Ms. Lockhart is working with the developer on next steps to possibly reapply with an amended plan. Mr. Weir addressed Ms. Leonard's concerns regarding the Old and Historic Overlay District and the 50 year rule. The 50 year rule is a rolling date and moves the date forward every year. Mr. Weir reminded the commission that the overlay boundaries need to be addressed.

VII. New Business

Ms. Lockhart shared that Prince William County has updated their long range planning map and some parcels of land have been rezoned.

VIII. ARB Update

Mr. Kharel shared updates from the ARB. The ARB approved the Lidl signs 'as is' as long as they meet the current sign ordinance. The ARB shared with Lidl that they could approve a new sign after the zoning ordinance is finalized. The ARB approved the Popeye's signs except for the directional signs. Mr. Kharel's appointment has ended for ARB and Planning Commission, and his role as the ARB liaison to the Commission will need to be filled.

IX. Town Council Update

Mr. Weir shared updates from Town Council. Council approved a resolution to reduce the Planning Commission to 5 members. The County approved a data center at 55 and Catharpin. The SUP for Starbucks was denied, and the town is in the process of hiring a Chief of Police. The council approved the purchase of the park shade structure which has a 10-15 year lifespan for both the shade piece and the engineered steel posts. The town is planning to take down the shade structure in October for the winter to be cleaned and stored properly. The shade structure would go back up in early May. If extreme weather were to come through, it would also be taken down for those events. This shade structure would protect the playground equipment, specifically the slide which is warped from the sun. The slides are under warranty and will be replaced after the shade structure is in place. The shade structure purchase is a one time fee. Any incidental fees for cleaning and taking down of the structure would be minor. A public

private partnership for the park is being discussed for the future. Mr. Mason resigned his position on the Planning Commission due to upcoming conflicts of interest.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Kharel moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mason seconded. The motion carried.

1. Motion to Adjourn

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Aayush Kharel, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Chuck Mason, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Aayush Kharel, Robert Hallet, Chuck Mason |

Submitted:

Approved:



Kim Henry, Clerk of the Council



Matt Caudle, Chairman

