

Members Present

Randy Smith

Virginia Hart

Rod Cury

Gaynelle Thompson

Richard Smith

Members Absent

Priscilla Russ

Staff Present

Tim Taylor

Kevin Blankenship

Also Present:

Mayor Paul Crawford

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Smith. Richard Smith gave the invocation and Virginia Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The Agenda was presented. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Rod Cury. All members voted “aye” to accept the agenda.
- III. Minutes from the February 5, 2019 meeting were distributed. Rod Cury made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Richard Smith. All members voted “aye” to approve the minutes.
- IV. New Business:
 1. Tim Taylor gave updates on the Clinch River Trail Project. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Southwest Virginia has been signed. There is a Preliminary Engineering Report Budget of \$26,000 from the MOU and another \$4000 from the Tazewell County Recreational Development for a total budge of \$30,000.
 2. Budget estimates for the preliminary work (before the bidding for construction) need to include costs of services, permitting issues, local ordinances, zoning, floodways, state and federal environmental regulations, public and private land issues, alternate routes, VDOT and NS issues, and time frames are all items that need to be addressed at this phase of the project. He also recommended engaging the RDA and Friends of SW Virginia in the initial phases of the project.
 3. Tim Taylor suggested that the Commission consider securing the professional services of Thompson and Litton for this phase of the project. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to allow the Town Manager to pursue business with Thompson and Litton. Rod Cury seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” and the motion passed.
 4. In other new business Tim Taylor addressed a zoning amendment for the area in the Brickyard along Kents Ridge Road near Mason Street. He recommended consulting the town attorney for guidance and possible documentation on Mixed Use Zoning. He is also going to contact Craig Wilson for his input.

V. Old Business:

1. The discussion took place again concerning painted buildings in the downtown business area. Gaynelle Thompson recommended that we revisit the historic district designation and possible restrictions that may be in place.
2. Richard Smith asked for an update on the park beside the post office and the plan to add more green space there. Mayor Crawford said he and Connie Allen hope to put a plan in place soon to add to the green space and also add a LOVE sign.
3. Tim Taylor told the Commission that the Erwin Davis project in the professional building is moving forward.
4. He also invited Commission members to Appalachian Agency's opening of their Meals on Wheels facility on March 26, 2019.

VI. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 7:30 pm if Tim is able to get all the parties involved in the River Walk Project together that night.

VII. Richard Smith made the motion to adjourn; Rod Cury seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Virginia Hart, Secretary