



## **AARRC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*Thursday, June 9, 2016*

*Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Second Floor Board Room*

**Board Members in Attendance: Chair Carleton Collins, Vice Chair Stephanie Brown, Karl Koon, Jane Mathews, Peter Sprague, Pam Turner**

**Board Members Absent: Councilman Cecil Bothwell, Esther Cartwright, Joe Ferikes, George Morosani, Brownie Newman, Jason Young, Kristie Quinn, Cindy Visnich Weeks**

**Staff in Attendance: Dan Baechtold, Stephanie Monson Dahl, Gary Jackson, Sara Henry, Jeff Staudinger**

**Guests: Josh O'Conner**

Chair Collins called the commission to order at 4:10 p.m.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Due to low attendance, Chair Collins delayed approval of minutes until a quorum is established. Approval is delayed until the next meeting.

### **2. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

#### **a. Summer Meeting Schedule**

Chair Collins gaged the interest of the Commissioners to not meet in July due to low attendance and summer travel schedules. The group may also want to delay the Sternberg Resolution until August when the second draft of the code is released. Due to no quorum, Chair Collins will send an email in the next few weeks to determine if there will be a July meeting.

### **3. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **a. Networking Committee Update**

Peter Sprague reported an enjoyable meeting at New Belgium Brewery. He shared the Economic Development Staff Report and reviewed current events from the newspaper. Highlights include the French Broad Brewery was sold to Thirsty Monk. The Wilma Dykeman Birthday Celebration was on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Upbeat Brewery will open in Ramp Studios. The RAD Studio Stroll was also in the paper along with the graffiti wall art. Another brewery, Hillman, will open in south Asheville. Seventy affordable housing units along the Swannanoa River are also in the works. There is also

a symposium for the 100 year flood. Salvage Station opened their restaurant and they've had several events. Vice Chair Brown was also on the cover of the paper.

Mr. Sprague also updated the Commissioners on the history lesson concept. They would like to have this section be about 15 minutes once a quarter. The first topic they want to cover is the history of the railroad station and the impact of trains in Asheville. They would like this to be part of the September meeting.

**b. Planning and Design Review Committee Update**

The subcommittee did not meet this month. There are projects coming up for review that will be discussed with Commissioners at the next meeting.

**c. Creation of Ad-hoc Recognition Committee for Karen Cragnolin**

Chair Collins is waiting for confirmations, but the creation of this committee is in progress.

**5. STAFF UPDATES**

**a. Staff Projects Calendar Update**

Stephanie Monson Dahl reported on community outreach. The Riverfront Office will be tabling at River Music to share development plans with the community. She is also meeting with members of the planning community and presented at the Chamber earlier this week. This type of outreach will continue throughout the project. Vice Chair Brown offered support in getting the word out for construction communication management.

She explained the utility relocation process in the RADTIP and reviewed the demolition plans. She explained that efforts are being made to maintain the graffiti wall near Asheville Waste Paper.

**b. Private Development Update**

Simpson Street Apartments are coming through design review.

**c. Form Based Code Update**

Sasha Vrtunski is meeting with property owners and working to continue to collect feedback until the second draft code in August. 14 Riverside Dr. is also out to bid and expected to be completed by the fall.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. RADTIP Review: Streetscape and Public Art Elements**

Dan Baechtold and Ms. Monson Dahl presented on the RADTIP street scape plan and the public art master plan. Ms. Monson Dahl also discussed new riverfront access and safety access points. She reminded the group that most of this area will be under construction within a year.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was reported in June.

## **8. CITY/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATE**

### **a. City Council Update**

No update was provided at the meeting.

### **b. County Commission Update**

No update was provided at the meeting.

### **c. Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Update – Josh O’Conner**

Mr. O’Conner reported that the number of surface transportation grants are in the works, including a section going from Broadway to connect with RADTIP. They are working on a general feasibility study and some preliminary design. Within a few months they anticipate having a design firm on board. There is a similar process happening for other areas as well.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Staudinger reported that the City of Asheville Parks Maintenance property at 338 Hilliard is out to bid for developers. This is close to the tennis center and at the trailhead for the Clingman Forest greenway. City Council rezoned this area as part of the Central Business District. The City is looking at about 10 developers who have sent proposals. They hope to have a developer selected by the fall. The City expects construction to begin in the summer of 2017 and the property to be occupied by 2018. There is a minimum 20 year period required for affordable housing.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 15-16<sup>th</sup> - Flood Symposium

River Music is happening tomorrow night on Riverside Dr.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENT**

a. RADTIP Transportation and Stormwater + River Arts Connections and Other Projects

b. Consideration to Alter Form Based Code Study Area

Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm.

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