



## **AARRC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Pattiy Torno, Esther Cartwright, Joe Ferikes, George Morosani, Commissioner Brownie Newman, Ricky Silver, Peter Sprague, Pam Turner, Jerry Vehaun, Cindy Visnich Weeks

**Board Members Absent:** Stephanie Brown, Carleton Collins, Councilman Jan Davis, Karl Koon

**Staff in Attendance:** Caroline Long, Stephanie Monson Dahl, Sasha Vrtunski

**Guests:** Mary Weber, Harry Pilos, Jay Richardson

A quorum was established and Chair Torno called the commission to order at 4:04 p.m.

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

Mr. Morosani made a motion to approve the August and September minutes and Mr. Vehaun seconded the motion.

### **2. SPECIAL MEETING DATE**

Removed from the agenda.

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

#### **a. Nominating Committee**

Ricky Silver, Pattiy Torno, and Jerry Vehaun's terms are up at the end of December. The nominating committee will bring a slate of officers to the November meeting and the election will occur in December.

### **4. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **a. Planning and Design Review Committee**

Ms. Visnich Weeks stated the Planning and Design Review Committee is moving their regular meeting to the fourth Thursday of every month. The Committee will be reviewing 14 Riverside Drive at their next meeting. The Committee is discussing whether to have Form-Based Code Advisory Meeting and Design Review Committee meeting at the same time so that people can attend one/both of them.

## **b. Networking Committee**

Mr. Sprague discussed a new tiered residential development on Amboy Rd. Chair Torno explained that due to the subdivision of lots in this project, it does not have to come to design review. There was a brief discussion of the RADTIP public meeting from 9/24. The group discussed new business openings, and their subcommittee workplan. Chair Torno stated a new art supply business named Cheap Joe's has opened on the corner of Broadway & Riverside Dr.

Chair Torno stated there was a stakeholder meeting on October 1st due to Jerry Sternberg's concerns regarding the Form-Based Code. He has asked that all land to the west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad be exempted from the Form-Based Code process. Mr. Morosani discussed Mr. Sternberg's concerns.

## **5. STAFF UPDATES**

### **a. Introduction of Planning Director**

Chair Torno introduced Mr. Okolichany. He expressed a desire to attend future AARRC meetings and fielded questions from the Commissioners.

### **b. Project Sheet**

Ms. Monson Dahl noted that the City has kicked off a marketing and branding initiative for the City's Innovation Districts.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a. Riverfront Office Update**

Ms. Monson Dahl gave a presentation which reviewed the Craven Street Improvement Project, Clean and Accessible River initiative, Stormwater management practices, and other projects. She stated staff should hear by the end of October about possible TPDF funding for Riverfront projects.

### **b. Form-Based Code Update**

Ms. Vrtunski noted that staff has been reviewing a draft report and anticipate releasing it tomorrow morning. She noted that Staff is really working to receive as much community input as possible. The time frame would be - draft code in Feb/March, then public meeting and collecting public comment.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Greenway South**

The Chair tabled the conversation until the next meeting.

**b. Top Policy Concerns for 2016**

City Council has asked all boards and commissions to bring recommendations of items that the boards feel should be evaluated during Council's annual retreat. Chair Torno noted that this is an opportunity for the AARRC to determine their internal priorities as well as those which will be forwarded to Council. Chair Torno identified three key areas: transportation, recreation, and development, as focus areas. Ms. Cartwright asked to add Public Transportation to the Transportation section. They also added 'comprehensive greenways system' to the greenways section.

Chair Torno adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm.