

Proposed Minutes

PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

***401 Davis Avenue
401 Davis Avenue
January 18, 2024
3:30 p.m.***

Present were Members: B. Woods, P. Kolsun, K. Somers, J. Marco, A. Carroll, V. Jackson.

Also present: J. Wagler (code enforcement), G. Roberts (city attorney), J. Deighan (communication specialist), and S. Stokes (city clerk).

Commissioner D. Talbott was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Parker spoke in favor of allowing Elkins Cinema 8 to install an electronic message display sign on the group sign at the Tygart Valley Mall.

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Kolsun **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOR THE MEETING OF DEC. 14, 2023.** The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Comprehensive plan update

The commission provided direction to staff concerning the content of an online public survey.

b. Zoning Near North 12th Street

Roberts briefed the commission concerning the requirement that any recommended zoning changes include a finding of either (1) compliance with the comprehensive plan or (2) sufficient changes in the area to warrant diverging from the comprehensive plan.

Woods **MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATION FROM DEC. 12 TO COUNCIL WITH THE FINDING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT CHANGES IN THE AREA TO WARRANT DIVERGING FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** *The said recommendation was to enact the following zoning on the unzoned parcel near North 12th Street: Commercial (B-1) on the section from Railroad Avenue to Budweiser Alley; City Residential (R-2) on the section from Budweiser Alley to the Tygart River.* Kolsun moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed unanimously. Kolsun called for a

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roll call vote on the main motion: B. Woods: yes; P. Kolsun: yes; K. Somers: yes; J. Marco: yes; A. Carroll: no; V. Jackson: yes. The main motion carried.

c. Signs

Kolsun MOVED THAT STAFF CREATE A SPECIAL CATEGORY FOR SHOPPING CENTERS PERMITTING **EMD** SIGNS AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL CATEGORY OF NONCONFORMING USES TO ALLOW DIFFERENT SIZES OF SIGNS ON EXISTING GROUP SIGNS. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting of 2-8-24

Kati Somers, President
Name & Title

Kati Somers
Signature