

**Town of Washington
Planning Commission
Joint Meeting Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting on June 10, 2024**

Present: Caroline Anstey (Chair), Constance Bruce (Secretary), Drew Beard, David Pennington, Steve Gyurisin (Zoning Admin); Martin Crim (Town Attorney and FOIA Officer)

Meeting called to order, 6:00pm, by Chair Anstey.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Constance Bruce, seconded by Drew Beard. All voted in favor.

Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2024 meeting: Motion by Drew Beard, seconded by Constance Bruce. All voted in favor.

Planning Commission chair Caroline Anstey moved to closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A8 of VA Code for consultation with the town attorney concerning amendments to Town's zoning ordinance, a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice.

The motion was seconded by Drew Beard. All the Planning Commission members voted in favor.

Mayor Whited moved the Town Council to close session and invited Steve Gyurisin (Zoning Admin) and Barbara Batson (Town Clerk) to attend the closed session. All the Town Council members voted in favor.

Old Business

a) review of proposed B&B Zoning Amendments

Chair Anstey informed members of both the Planning Commission and the Town Council that the purpose of the closed session is to review with the town attorney benefits and options for B&B/STL under the newly amended Virginia code on short term rentals. Chair Antsey assured members that the public would be heard from before the Planning Commission makes any decision regarding zoning.

(See Town Council minutes)

Following the discussion, Mayor Whited moved that the Town Council come out of closed session.

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Chair Anstey asked that members do certify that, to their respective knowledge, only public business lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were heard, discussed or

considered in the meeting. Each member of the Planning Commission present so affirmed the certification. The joint meeting adjourned at 6:25p.

The mayor and the members of the Town Council departed, at which point Chair Anstey called for continuation of the Planning Commission's meeting, and approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2024 meeting.

Drew Beard then introduced the motion to approve March 11 meeting minutes seconded by Constance Bruce. All voted in favor.

Old Business

a) review of proposed B&B Zoning Amendments

Steve Gyurisin kicked off discussion by reminding the commission that the Town Council asked the Planning Commission to come up with amendments to the Zoning ordinance providing for options for B&B with 5 rooms and with 10 rooms. The changes to the ordinance would also define professional management and standards, including parking.

The group reviewed and discussed the documents provided by Steve Gyurisin: Background, Summary and Options B&B/STL, Amended Code of Virginia 792, Town proposed amendments, Memo re: STL recommendations and summary, and Initial background information prepared for review.

New Business

a) discussion of meetings in July and August

The commission decided to not hold one in August, but left the July meeting to be determined later, subject an available quorum and a timely agenda requiring attention.

Public Forum

No comments

Chair Caroline Anstey invited the public to comment, advising that there will be another opportunity for public hearing during the next joint meeting. Two Washington residents voiced their concern about noise from the Foster Harris House B&B. The new owner of Foster Harris House indicated his interest in hearing from the community.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Drew Beard, and seconded by David Pennington. All voted in favor. Chair Caroline Anstey adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 6:46pm

Submitted by Constance Bruce

