

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Mr. Wilson
Mr. Dodson
Mr. Bolton
Mr. Searce
Mr. Jones
Mr. Garrison**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Evans

STAFF

**Tracie Lancaster
Ken Gillie
Anna Levi
Alan Spencer**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Searce at 3:00 p.m.

I. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Rezoning Application PLRZ20150000335, filed by DRHA requesting to rezone from OT-R, Old Town Residential to CB-C, Central Business Commercial, parcel ID # 24032, otherwise known as Grid 2713, Block 028, Parcel 000002, of the City of Danville, Virginia Zoning District Map. The applicant is proposing to rezone to allow for expanded redevelopment opportunities.*

Ms. Levi read the staff report. 25 notices were sent to surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the subject property. Three responses were not opposed.

Mr. Searce opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of the DHRA is Mr. Earl Reynolds the Director of Community Development.

Mr. Reynolds stated as you all know we work jointly with the Housing Authority on these projects. So if there are any questions I will be pleased to try to answer them. Otherwise, we would appreciate your support.

Mr. Searce closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Wilson made a motion for approval of PLRZ20150000335 as submitted. Mr. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

2. *Rezoning Application PLRZ20150000336, filed by DRHA requesting to rezone from CBCC, "Conditional" Central Business Commercial to CB-C, Central Business Commercial, parcel ID # 22417, otherwise known as Grid 2713, Block 027, Parcel 000007, of the City of Danville, Virginia Zoning District Map. The applicant is proposing to rezone to allow for expanded redevelopment opportunities.*

Ms. Levi read the staff report. Twenty-five notices were sent to surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the subject property. Four responses were not opposed; one response was opposed.

Mr. Searce opened the Public Hearing.

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Mr. Garrison made a motion for approval of *PLRZ20150000336* as submitted. Mr. Dodson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

3. *Special Use Permit Application PLSUP20150000337, filed by BW of Danville LLC, requesting a Special Use Permit for a waiver for increase in building height in accordance with Article 3M, Section C, Item 20 of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia 1986, as amended at parcel ID # 04434, otherwise known as Grid 1708, Block 009, Parcel 000060 of the City of Danville, Virginia Zoning District Map. The applicant is proposing construction at 56' where 50' is the maximum allowed.*

Ms. Levi read the staff report. Twenty-nine notices were sent to surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the subject property. Six responses were not opposed.

Present of behalf of this request is Mark Johnson from LED Professionals representing BW of Danville.

Mr. Johnson stated this is the same hotel group that I brought before you last month. They wanted to be on Riverside originally and as we were pursuing the other property this property came available. It's the same hotel brand that we looked at last month. If you have any questions I will be glad to answer them.

Mr. Dodson stated will this take place of the one you were going to build on Piedmont Drive?

Mr. Johnson stated yes. I understand that the owners of the Piedmont Place have been contacted by another interested party.

Mr. Wilson stated so there is a hotel sitting there now?

Mr. Johnson stated no sir.

Mr. Wilson stated not there I know but a similar hotel is sitting nearby right?

Mr. Johnson stated there are several hotels in this Riverside Drive area. This is the Big Sale warehouse site. So there are hotels on the other side of Audubon such as the Hampton and the Marriott.

Mr. Scarce stated my understanding is that they will build a new Hampton Inn in that site and then they will rebrand the other Hampton with a new name.

Mr. Johnson stated yes it will change names or something.

Mr. Wilson stated I didn't know how specific we could ask questions.

Mr. Johnson stated they will demolition the old tobacco warehouse to build this hotel.

Mr. Scarce closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Bolton made a motion to Approve PLRZUP20150000337 as submitted. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

II. MINUTES

Mr. Dodson made a motion to approve the November 9, 2015 minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gillie stated we do have cases for next month so we will have a meeting in January. That will be our annual election of offices so that is the meeting you do not want to miss or you will be assigned something you may or may not want. Starting with the items that come to Planning Commission next month they will go to the City Council meeting the first meeting of the month. So starting with the items that will actually go to the February City Council meeting they will go to the first meeting in February, March, April and so forth.

Mr. Scarce stated our new schedule reflects that?

Mr. Gillie stated Anna revised the schedule and emailed it out to everyone. I wanted to make sure you all have a hard copy of it, if you don't and you need us to print out a copy and get it to you we will. It won't affect your meeting dates just the days that items go to City Council. That way if a citizen asks you can tell them what the schedule of events are for items going to City Council in the future. So if you didn't get the email or you need us to print you one just let us know.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVED