

Minutes of a Meeting of
The Liberty Planning Board
Held on September 13, 2023 5:30PM

Chairman: Kevin Bowman
Board: Jason Collins, Gail Emerson, David Staley, Dennis Hargis, and Marty Bare, and
Chris Turner
P & Z Consultant: Reynolds Neely
Town Clerk: Jessica Brown
Town Manager: Scott Kidd

To Order

Kevin Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:30PM and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes

David Staley made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting. Gloria Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LDP Update Discussion - PTRC - Jose Colon

Mr. Colon with PTRC (Piedmont Triad Regional Council) gave a Powerpoint presentation which had ten sections. He passed around handouts with the policy areas. Residential Development could be for single family and mixed uses. Policies can allow for a variety of industrial uses. One section is just for the megasite. Mr. Neely said each of these sections have been discussed pre covid and came from their ideas. He said the Future Land Use Map is in the packet and on the screen as presented in the current plan. The purple and red are areas with industry and the gray is within the city limits. Services such as water, police, and fire are specific to this area. We may want to include denser areas there which could make rezoning cases clearer. Mr. Colon went over the other maps he handed out. Kevin Bowman asked if there is technology to use this as an overlay. Mr. Colon said we could use simple view maps offered by his GIS Department. Scott Kidd mentioned the split zones such as the White property and Newlin property. Mr. Neely said there was a lot of purple in the gray area. He said the main issue is residential and subdivisions. We have talked a lot about commercial and industrial and need to focus on residential. There will be more emphasis on downtown investment. Our next steps are : schedule additional Planning Board Work Session, Draft a Plan for the Open House and Public Review, Planning Board adoption of the plan, and Council adoption of the Plan.

LDP Work Session Date

The Board agreed on Wednesday October 4, 2023 5:30 PM for their Work Session.

Manager Report

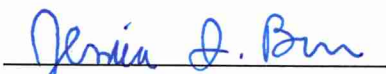
Town Manager Scott Kidd gave the report. NC Commerce came to visit in August. Staff and business owners were involved in the event. They are going to help us with a five year downtown development plan at no cost to the Town.

Adjourn

There being no further Planning Board business to discuss David Staley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.


Kevin Bowman, Chairman

ATTEST:


Town Clerk