

**REGULAR MEETING OF
LURAY PLANNING COMMISSION
May 16, 2018**

The Luray Planning Commission met on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session. The meeting was held in the Luray Town Council Chambers at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were present the following:

Commissioners Present:

Ronald Good, Chairman
Bill Huffman
Grace Nowak
Brian Sours
Tracie Dickson

Absent:

John Shaffer
Gail Kyle

Others Present:

Steve Burke, Town Manager
Brooke Newman, Planning & Zoning Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronald Good, at 7:00 p.m. and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Commissioner Grace Nowak made the motion to accept the minutes with noted corrections from the April 11, 2018 regular Planning Commission; seconded by Commissioner Tracie Dickson.

YEA: Chairman Ronald Good, Commissioners Bill Huffman, Grace Nowak, Brian Sours, Tracie Dickson
Approved 5-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens present for comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Good opened the public hearing, no one was present to speak, public hearing was closed.

- A. SUP18-4 Steward & Judy Yowell, 335 N Hawksbill St – Lodging House Operation

Commissioner Bill Huffman stated he had spoken with an adjacent neighbor who did not have any concerns about having a lodging house next door. Commission members noted the exterior renovation

and upgrades Mr. and Mrs. Yowell have made to the property. Commissioner Nowak stated the rooms are much needed.

Motion: Commissioner Tracie Dickson made the motion commission to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit request for Steward and Judy Yowell at 335 North Hawksbill Street, to operate a Lodging House in an R3 (High Density Residential) District with the following conditions as stated except for noted change to it being either on-site or off-street parking. Seconded by Commissioner Brian Sours.

YEA: Chairman Ronald Good, Commissioners Bill Huffman, Grace Nowak, Brian Sours, Tracie Dickson

Approved 5-0

UPDATES & DISCUSSIONS

Steve Burke announced that work will start commencing on the main street bridge today. They will be closing the east bound lane to facilitate installation of the temporary water line on the south side of the bridge. He is anticipating full closure of the bridge sometime in June.

Chairman Good presented the letter to the editor in last week's Page News. It was a very complimentary welcome that new residents received in moving to Luray. They referenced the editorial that was in the paper the week before about all the good things and how we are sitting on a pot of gold. The husband and wife talked about the impressive Greenway, "does any small town have a natural amenity that can top this" and "the Greenway was not just beautiful but spoke of the vision and perseverance of officials and citizens, traits that are likely to show up in other ways". He stated this speaks to the planning commission, council of their vision and perseverance of the officials and citizens. And then they go on to speak about the Shenandoah National Park, the river and the Outdoor Adventure people. They are very happy to be here in our community.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2018 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Brooke Newman referenced the comprehensive plan chapters and outline. She informed the commission that Sara Levinson would be assisting with an outline of the information for the economic development chapter by highlighting the information from her grants and economic development material that she has worked on over the years. We hope to have data from Shenandoah Regional Commission by the end of May. Alex and I will then put together a rough draft of the comp plan to be presented to commission and council at the June meetings. The commission agreed to replacing the bicentennial section with text on being a Shenandoah National Park Community. Commissioner Huffman inquired about a deadline. We do hope to have a final product to present to the community by fall and have the comp plan completed and printed by the end of the year. Commissioner Huffman referenced the community survey and the response from the younger members who want things to do. Chairman Good noted their love of Gathering Grounds and it being their choice of places to go to. Commissioner Dickson noticed their response in wanting chain restaurants.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Good reminded the commission that the next meeting would be held June 13, 2018. He noticed the Bill Huffman's contact information and photo need to be added to the website as well as Gail Kyle's photo.

ADJORNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Steve Burke
Town Manager

ATTEST: _____
Prepared by: Brooke Newman
Planning & Zoning Assistant

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