



MEMO

To: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

From: John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager

Date: October 31, 2019

RE: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission Regular Meeting

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, November 4, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.** in the City Council Chambers, located at 146 N. Church St.

AGENDA
ASHEBORO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
9:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting (October 7, 2019)
- III. Consideration of 2020 Meeting Schedule
- IV. Presentation on Downtown Environmental Services Enhancements in
Downtown Area
- V. Presentation of New Websites Currently Under Development for Sunset
Theatre and the City of Asheboro
- VI. Items Not on the Agenda
- VII. Adjourn

**Minutes
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission
October 7, 2019
9:00 AM**

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission held its meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, NC, 27203.

Members Present:

Linda Carter, Chair
Ross Holt
David Jarrell
Jonna Libbert
Ann McGlohon
Katie Snuggs
Delilah Warner

Members Absent:

Cynthia Bailey, Vice Chair

Also present were Justin T. Luck, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Brad W. Morton, Planning Technician/Deputy City Clerk; Trevor L. Nuttall, Community Development Director; John Ogburn, City Manager

Ms. Linda Carter called the meeting to order.

Approve minutes of Last Meeting (September 9, 2019)

Mr. Jarrell moved to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular Redevelopment Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Snuggs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Update

Mr. Nuttall reported on several code enforcement cases in the City of Asheboro. He mentioned 9 demolitions and 2 lot cleanups which took place since May. He stated that the 2 lot cleanups were a result of law enforcement concerns about illicit activity on the lots. Mr. Holt mentioned a recent US Court of Appeals ruling related to homeless persons and rights associated with public property that could affect public policy locally and elsewhere. Mr. Nuttall mentioned a property located at 853 E Salisbury Street having been purchased and the house removed for redevelopment purposes. Ms. Warner wanted further clarification as to the location of the house at 853 E. Salisbury and stated that she had tried to get in touch with the former owner for the purposes of purchasing it. Mr. Nuttall reviewed the location and stated that he believes it is currently owned by

Davidson Builders and Properties, LLC. Mr. Nuttall also mentioned that 152 S. Park Street is under a consent agreement to remove the structure. Ms. Warner asked if the fire department could use any of these structures for training, to which Mr. Nuttall stated that staff typically consults with the Fire Department on training opportunities prior to taking action.

Consideration to Engage Fearnbach History Services, Inc. to Investigate a Historic District for Downtown

Mr. Luck gave a visual presentation on a potential investigation for a historic district for downtown Asheboro. He stated that Fearnbach History Services, Inc. has been owned and operated by Heather Fearnbach since 2008. They have an extensive education and experience in architectural history. They also previously completed National Register nominations for Acme-McCrary and the Asheboro Mill Lofts/The Table. He showed a map of the proposed historic district and gave the scope of work as follows:

- Photograph approximately 104 resources
- Historical background related to each building's development, evaluation of significance, and discussion of architectural evolution.
- Public meeting(s)
- Nomination writing and revision

He then reviewed the anticipated cost of the project, which is a \$28,804.75 proposal.

He then requested the commission consider a motion requesting the City Council to engage Fearnbach Historical Services, Inc. to obtain National Register of Historic Places designation for the Asheboro Downtown Historic District.

He then asked if there were any questions from the commission at this time.

Ms. Warner inquired on how to apply for a property to be nominated, to which Mr. Luck stated that the state accepts individual applications for properties. She also asked how the map was established, to which Mr. Luck stated that it was created in collaboration with the State Historic Preservation Office and that public input will be available throughout the course of this designation for any expansion that may be deemed suitable. Mr. Holt mentioned that it is a good idea to keep the district available to commercial only and not residential properties.

Mr. Jarrell made a motion requesting City Council to engage Fearnbach Historical Services, Inc. to obtain National Register of Historic Places designation for the Asheboro Downtown Historic District. Mr. Holt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Report on Grand Opening of the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center

Mr. Ogburn reported on the grand opening of the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center. He stated that it was a great event and he was happy to see the number of people in the crowd there. He stated around 200 to 260 people were in attendance. An informational packet was handed out to the commission, highlighting the programs and services offered by the GWCCEC. Mr. Ogburn stated that the enrichment center provides a big opportunity for the entire community of Asheboro, including several events booked already, like RhinoLeap productions.

Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Ogburn went over the following items not on the agenda:

- Council will award Key to the City at next regular meeting
- Ms. Reaves, Finance Director, will make her final campaign report on the Sunset Theatre
- Neil Griffin will make a donation to the city for Downtown hanging baskets to be installed on Sunset Avenue all the way to I-73/I-74.
- CUOC moved into old Pontiac place.
- Fall Festival was the first weekend of October. Feedback on food courts were positive and overall cleanup happened fast.
- Gas leak did not damage any properties.
- Working on houses on Franks Street for rehabilitation or removal
- Dixie Furniture site is still not completely cleaned up. Schwarz properties is hiring someone new to clean the site. After cleanup, the site will likely be redeveloped.
- City had a good audit report.
- Bernadine Wardlaw received the Wastewater Lab Operator of the Year award.
- Chad Brady and Russell Cox passed away. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.
- Dr. Ann Suggs passed away.
- Randolph County Bookmobile is a great service
- Gym will open Friday, December 13 during Christmas on Sunset
- City Council to approve the last remaining piece to complete the David and Pauline Jarrell City Center Garden.
- Police and Fire service was thanked for responding to the gas leak in such a professional manner.

Adjourn

After hearing no other business, Ms. Carter announced that the meeting was adjourned.

Brad Morton, Secretary
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

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Draft Redevelopment Commission Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 6, 2020

Monday, February 3, 2020

Monday, March 2, 2020

Monday, April 6, 2020

Monday, May 4, 2020

Monday, September 14, 2020*

Monday, October 5, 2020

Monday, November 2, 2020

Monday, December 7, 2020

*City Hall is closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. Therefore, September 14, 2020 is proposed as the meeting date.