



MEMO

To: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

From: John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager

Date: October 27, 2021

RE: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission Regular Meeting

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, November 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 146 N. Church Street.

AGENDA
ASHEBORO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
146 N. CHURCH STREET
9:00 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the Minutes (October 4, 2021)
- III. The City Manager will present the following items:
 - a. Update on David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden
 - b. Details of Proposed McCrary Park Improvements
 - c. Update on Downtown Crosswalk Improvements
- IV. Listing of 2021 Seasonal Events supported by Cultural and Recreation Services
- V. Presentation of anticipated 2022 Meeting Schedule
- VI. Items not on the Agenda
- VII. Adjourn

Minutes
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission
October 4, 2021
9:00 AM

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission held its meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, NC, 27203.

Members Present:

Linda Carter, Chair
Ross Holt, Vice-Chair
David Jarrell
Ann McGlohon
Katie Snuggs
Delilah Warner

Also present were John Evans, Assistant Community Development Division Director; Brad Morton, Planner/Deputy City Clerk; Trevor Nuttall, Community Development Division Director; John Ogburn, City Manager.

Call to order

Ms. Carter called the meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes (September 13, 2021)

Mr. Jarrell moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 13, 2021. Ms. Snuggs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Ms. Carter acknowledged that commission members Ms. Delilah Warner and Ms. Katie Snuggs were candidates for City Council. She also welcomed Ms. Kelly Heath to the meeting and acknowledged Ms. Heath's candidacy for City Council.

Status Report of Structure Located on S. Cox Street (Randolph County Parcel Identification Number 7750890583)

Mr. Nuttall reported that the city plans to move forward with the condemnation process for an unsafe structure on the above referenced property. He informed the commission that the state statutes dictate this process. He stated that presently the property has been posted as "unsafe". It is anticipated that the process likely will take until early 2022.

Ms. Warner inquired on the size of the property, to which Mr. Nuttall stated that it was small and likely less than a quarter of an acre.

Ms. Carter inquired if the taxes were paid on the property, to which Mr. Nuttall stated that he believed there was some delinquency but the tax department did not appear to have initiated foreclosure at this time. There was no further discussion.

No formal action was taken by the Commission at this time.

Status Report of Decorative Signal Boxes and Crosswalks in Downtown Asheboro

Mr. Ogburn reported that the city was undergoing a redesign of the downtown crosswalks and signal boxes to make them zoo themed. He stated that there would be white striped crosswalks, each painted with animal paw prints. He stated that the completion date would likely be this winter, but due to construction material shortages it could be later. As an example of widespread product shortages, he mentioned 10-12 police vehicles are typically phased out each year, but there has been some difficulty in obtaining them this year. There were no questions from the commission and no formal action was taken at this time.

Update on State Budget and Anticipated Acquisition of Acme McCrary Property (A Portion of Randolph County Parcel Identification Number 7751738346)

Mr. Ogburn mentioned that the North Carolina state budget could be adopted in the coming weeks. He stated that the budget included a fund allocation to local municipalities. Upon adoption of the state budget, the acquisition of the above referenced property may be possible. He stated that there will need to be repairs made to the structure. There were no questions from the commission and no formal action was taken at this time.

Items Not on the Agenda

To address an inquiry at the last Redevelopment Commission meeting, Mr. Nuttall noted that Benjamin James Properties, the property owners of the property located at the corner of Sunset Avenue and Cherry Street, was asked for an update concerning the development of this property and that no response had been given at this time.

Mr. Ogburn spoke briefly on the following items not on the agenda:

- New restaurant Black Powder Smokehouse coming to Asheboro.
- CDGB-CV Grant for Covid-19 relief accepting applications soon.
- Gave a brief update on the health status of Randolph County, including 286 deaths and a 12% positivity rating for Covid-19.

- Pushed out emails to let employees know facts on the Covid-19 vaccination and urged all employees to get vaccinated.
- Mentioned the Sportsplex and McCrary Park projects.
- Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Retreat.
- Mr. William Huneycutt, CPA, purchased old Regional Consolidated Services building and is now occupying the structure.
- Mentioned the airport infrastructure upgrades pending approval by congressional action related to the infrastructure bill. The NCDOT Aviation Division may have money for the airport terminal if the infrastructure bill is approved, but there is some uncertainty on this.
- Local elections will be on November 2nd

Ms. Warner inquired about the train depot, to which Mr. Ogburn stated that several notifications and communications have gone out to the Railroad, but there appears to be no interest in selling the property. He also stated that the railroad right of way issues have been addressed for the Church Street Lofts project.

Ms. Carter emphasized the importance of local government and being active in local government.

Mr. Ogburn also mentioned that there are 2 vacancies on the Redevelopment Commission now and announcements have been made.

Mr. Nuttall mentioned that the Land Development Plan survey is out and encouraged all members of the commission to take the survey and to get the word out to take the survey. He mentioned that the updated plan would likely last 10-15 years before needing a major update. He also mentioned that there is now a new online permitting portal via the City of Asheboro website.

Ms. Warner inquired on the David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden, to which Mr. Jarrell stated that landscape architect has not finalized the plans at this time. He stated that he would like to see the old BB Walker house incorporated into the plans.

Ms. Warner also mentioned her interest in having a heritage house considered that was owned by a historically significant Black person or family in the community. Mr. Holt went over the criteria for a historic home and the application process and encouraged commission members to help identify potential opportunities.

There were no further items and no formal action was taken by the commission at this time.

Adjourn

Ms. McGlohon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. At this time, and hearing no objection, Ms. Carter adjourned the meeting.

Brad Morton, Secretary
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

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Proposed Redevelopment Commission 2022 Meeting Dates

- Monday, January 3, 2022
- Monday, February 7, 2022
- Monday, March 7, 2022
- Monday, April 4, 2022
- Monday, May 2, 2022
- Monday, September 12, 2022*
- Monday, October 3, 2022
- Monday, November 7, 2022
- Monday, December 5, 2022

*City Hall is closed in observance of Labor Day. Therefore, September 12, 2022 is proposed as the September meeting date.