



MEMO

To: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

From: John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager

Date: December 1, 2021

RE: Asheboro Redevelopment Commission Regular Meeting

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, December 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Asheboro Recreation Center Upstairs Conference Room located at 148 North Street.**

AGENDA
ASHEBORO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
ASHEBORO RECREATION CENTER
148 NORTH STREET
9:00 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the Minutes (November 1, 2021)
- III. Adoption of Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates
- IV. Items not on the Agenda
- V. Adjourn

Minutes
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission
November 1, 2021
9:00 AM

The Asheboro Redevelopment Commission held its meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 146 North Church Street, Asheboro, NC, 27203.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Linda Carter, Chair

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

Call to order

Mr. Holt called the meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes (October 4, 2021)

Mr. Jarrell moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 4, 2021. Ms. McGlohon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager will present the following items:

a. Update on David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden

Mr. Ogburn reported that the landscape architect for the David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden has been selected and that design work is well underway. The project likely will start in the spring of 2022. No formal action was taken by the commission at this time.

b. Details of Proposed McCrary Park Improvements

Mr. Ogburn reported that during a Special Meeting, the council received a report regarding the McCrary Park Improvements from a design professional of the architecture, engineering, and planning firm known as CPL. He stated that

funding will be necessary for the project to proceed. No formal action was taken by the commission at this time.

c. Update on Downtown Crosswalk Improvements

Mr. Ogburn shared a handout with the commission which showed zoo themed animal footprint crosswalk designs at various intersections in the Downtown Asheboro district. No formal action was taken by the commission at this time.

Listing of 2021 seasonal events supported by Cultural and Recreation Services

Jody Maness gave a presentation on the upcoming 2021 seasonal events supported by Cultural and Recreation Services. He spoke on the trick or treat event downtown, noting that the past two years have been drive-through events and that has been well received. He mentioned the Historic downtown ghost walks and that they are very popular. There will be a Christmas trolley tour downtown this year. There will be cooking classes in November, on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. In December there will be a virtual visit and conversation with Santa and a gift will be shipped to the participants. He noted that these events provided opportunities for children with disabilities to participate. The Christmas parade and Christmas on Sunset will be happening this year. He mentioned a new event called the Giving Tree will occur this year also. Lastly, Asheboro High School will be using the Recreation center starting on November 27th for basketball and wrestling events until the school's renovations are completed. He anticipated that completion of the renovations at the School likely would be in 18 months.

He also mentioned several events that would be happening in 2022, including:

- Basketball starting January-February
- Baseball starting March-May
- Easter events
- Summer Activities
- Special Olympics events

He stated that if the commission had any questions he would answer them at this time. Mr. Jarrell asked about Sunset Theatre events, to which Mr. Maness responded that there are several ongoing events, including Friday Night Bluegrass. The Youth Theatre and Rhinoleap Productions have frequent practices and plays in the Theatre. He mentioned that the Ken Jennings Sunset Series event went well as did the event featuring Eric Montross; Operations are running smoothly at the Theatre. There were no other questions for Mr. Maness at this time. Mr. Maness then thanked the commission for the opportunity to provide this information.

Presentation of anticipated 2022 meeting schedule

Mr. Morton stated that the anticipated 2022 meeting schedule was attached to the November 1, 2021 regular meeting physical and digital agenda packets. He stated that no action is necessary at this meeting, however the commission will need to take action at the December regular meeting.

Items not on the agenda

Mr. Ogburn mentioned several items not on the agenda:

- Taco Loco expansion
- Black Lantern Tea House now open
- Black Powder Smokehouse opening soon
- Mayor Smith's building on North Street being renovated to accommodate two residential apartments.
- Randolph Health operations are doing well with new ownership. Ms. Snuggs commented on their great service.
- Covid-19 positivity rating is now less than 10%, however it is desirable for the rate to be below 3%.
- Mayor David Jarrell's book *From Hog Eye To City Hall: The Journey to the Mayor's Office by a Boy of Modest Means*

Mr. Evans stated that the property owner at the corner of Sunset Avenue and Cherry Street, Ben Tuggle, had let staff know that the project will be starting again in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Holt mentioned that at the County Commissioners will be hearing an architect feasibility study, including constructions estimates, for the creation of a historic museum housed within the Randolph County Historic Courthouse. He mentioned the need for a new location for the Randolph Room. He also mentioned that the County Commissioners funded a one year pilot program to place three (3) social workers in the library. He stated that these social workers would be able to help with housing and food assistance for people in need. He stated that the "Community Navigators" program would start in February.

Mr. Evans mentioned that the CDBG-CV Covid-19 relief grant application process has started and that the United Way has received 60 applications so far.

Mr. Morton stated that the December meeting will potentially be held in the cafeteria of the Asheboro Recreation Center and that there will be a light breakfast served.

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

Adjourn

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

Brad Morton, Secretary
Asheboro Redevelopment Commission

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.