Christiansburg Planning Commission
Minutes of September 9, 2013

Present: Matthew J. Beasley
Ann H. Carter
Harry Collins
M.H. Dorsett, AICP
David Franusich
Jonathan Hedrick
Steve Huppert
Craig Moore, Chairperson
Joe Powers, Vice-Chairperson
Jennifer D. Sowers
Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-Voting

Absent: Ashley Cowen

Staff/Visitors: Missy Martin, staff
Todd Walters, Staff
Cindy Disney, Montgomery County Planning Commission
Bryan Rice

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Christiansburg Town Hall at 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia. Chairperson Moore stated a request was made to switch item number 3 and 4 on the agenda and asked for any objections to this change; no objections were made.

Public Comment.

Chairperson Moore opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were made. Chairperson Moore closed the floor for public comment.

Approval of meeting minutes for July 22, 2013.

Chairperson Moore introduced the discussion. Commissioner Dorsett made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Beasley seconded the motion which passed 10-0.

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Planning Commission work session regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 30 "Zoning", specifically, sections 30-185, 30-186, 30-190, and 30-193 of the *Christiansburg Town Code* to clarify the requirements for final site plans, when preliminary and final site plans expire, and fees associated with the submittal of same.

Chairperson Moore opened the discussion in work session. Commissioner Franusich made a motion to go into work session. Commissioner Dorsett seconded the motion which passed 10-0.

Planning Commission discussed the amending the ordinance. No action was taken.

Commissioner Dorsett made a motion to close the work session.
Commissioner Carter seconded the motion which passed 10-0.

Commissioner Dorsett recommended the Planning Commission send the drafted proposed amendments for site plan reviews for Town Council approval. Chairperson Moore asked for any objections and no objections were made.

Planning Commission work session regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 30 "Zoning" of the *Christiansburg Town Code* to address parking requirements for mixed use structures with apartments in the B-2 Central Business District; on-site parking requirements and off-site cooperative parking provisions; and grandfathered status in the B-2 Central Business District.

Chairperson Moore opened work session. Commissioner Dorsett made a motion to go into work session. Commissioner Hedrick seconded the motion which passed 10-0.

Planning Commission discussed the amending the ordinance. No action was taken.

Commissioner Dorsett made a motion to close the work session.
Commissioner Carter seconded the motion which passed 10-0.

Planning Commission agreed to move forward and have staff set the public hearing for the ordinance amended in regards to parking.

Other Business

Chairperson Moore asked for other business. Planning Director Nichole Hair informed the Plan Virginia Planning Commission the Planning Commissioner Training will be held in Blacksburg in the Spring of 2014 and advised the Commissioner's if they have not completed the course to please sign up.

Ms. Hair added the Town Council has approved the Zoning amendment of parking reduction and the use of alternative paving. Ms. Hair added the Martin's will be required to have another public hearing including pay the required fees associated with that hearing. Commissioner Collins asked Ms. Hair why the Martin's will be required to pay the public hearing fees. Ms. Hair responded Town Council does not wish to set a precedence of having Town Council cover fees for public hearings.

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Other Business - (continued).

Vice Chairperson Powers added Town Council was asked to waive the fee and the Town Council declined. Commissioner Collins responded the Planning Commission advised the Martin's to hold off and he felt like asking for new fees was setting a bad precedence from the Planning Commission.

Ms. Hair stated on September 23, 2013 a public hearing will be held to discuss the recodification and Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Wingfield, will attend this meeting to discuss the recodification with the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Franusich asked Ms. Hair for an update on the status of the Christiansburg Bikeway/Walkway committee. Ms. Hair replied she is still working on recruiting committee members and named all of the committee members interested at this time. Commissioner Franusich asked to be a member and Ms. Hair responded she will ask Administration if a second Planning Commissioner can be added.

There being no more business Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Craig Moore, Chairperson Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-Voting

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