Planning Commission



Annual Report 2021

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Planning Commission Membership

Brent Finnegan Chair

Adriel Byrd
Vice-Chair

Laura Dent
City Council Representative

Jim Orndoff
Board of Zoning Appeals Representative

Donna Armstrong
Appointed October 12, 2021

Richard Baugh

Kathy Whitten

Isaac Hull
Resigned August 31

Rezonings

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 3485, 3491, 3585, and 3611 South Main Street (B-2 to R-5C & B-2C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 01-13-21 | Approved 02-09-21 |
| 1543 Park Road and 1550 College Avenue (R-2 to R-2 Inst Overlay) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 02-10-21 | Approved 03-23-21 |
| 518 East Market Street (Removal of proffer #2 from 2005 rezoning R-2 to R-3C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 4-27-2021 |
| 486 West Market Street (R-3C to R-2) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 4-27-2021 |
| 161 and 241 Blue Ridge Drive (R-1 to R-5) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-2) | 03-10-21 | Approved 04-13-21 |
| 907 North Main Street (B-2 to R-5C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-25-21 |
| 107 and 137 Vine Street (B-2C to R-8C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-11-21 |
| 116 Pleasant Hill Road (R-2 to R-8C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 05-12-21 | Approved 6-22-2021 |
| 1051 & 1351 Peach Grove Ave (Amend proffers) | Recommended denial | Recommended denial (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 9-28-21 |
| 601 Pear Street (R-1 to R-8C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 9-28-21 |
| Parcel at terminus of Suter Street (R-2 to R-8C) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 9-28-21 |

Special Use Permits

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission (PC) Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 161 and 241 Blue Ridge Drive – Allow multi- family dwellings of more than 12 units in R-5 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-2) | 03-10-21 | Approved 04-13-21 |
| 907 North Main Street – Allow retail, convenience shops, personal service establishments, restaurants, and business and professional offices | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-11-21 |
| 107 and 137 Vine Street – Allow townhomes in the R-8 district | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-11-21 |
| 1207 North Liberty Street – Allow a junk yard | Recommended denial | Recommended denial (6-0) | 05-12-21 | Denied 06-08-21 |
| 150 Crescent Drive – Allow short-term rental | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 05-12-21 | Approved 06-08-21 |
| 256 Charles Street – Allow for a restaurant | Recommend approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 05-12-21 | Approved 06-08-21 |
| 116 Pleasant Hill Road – Allow townhomes in the R-8 district | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 05-12-21 | Approved 06-08-21 |
| 650 and 680 Stone Spring Road – Allow multi-family dwellings of more than 12 units in R-5 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (4-2) | 06-09-21 | Approved 07-13-21 |
| 1181 Harrison Street – Allow public uses to deviate from the requirements of the ZO | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 07-14-21 | Approved 08-10-21 |
| 601 Pear Street – Allow townhomes in R-8 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 09-14-21 |
| Parcel at terminus of Suter Street – to allow townhomes in R-8 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 09-14-21 |
| 716 & 722 Foley Rd – to allow Multiple-Family Dwellings in R-2 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 11-10-21 | Approved 12-14-21 |
| 3091 South Main Street to allow reducing required parking areas | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 11-10-21 | Approved 12-14-21 |

| 43 Maplehurst Avenue to | Recommended | Recommended approval | 12-08-21 | Approved |
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| allow a short-term rental | approval | (5-1) | 12-06-21 | 1-11-22 |

Street and Alley Closings

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission (PC) Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Portion of undeveloped right-of-way closure – perpendicular to and between Myers Ave and Monticello Ave (between 26-V-1 and 27-T-1) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 04-13-21 |
| Undeveloped public alley closure – between 245 and 285 East Washington Street | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-11-21 |
| Undeveloped public alley closure – adjacent to 211 East Washington Street | Recommended denial | Recommended denial (6-1) | 12-08-21 | Approved 1-11-22 |

Ordinance/Comprehensive Plan Amendments

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission (PC) Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|--|---|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Guide map amendment for portions of parcels addressed as 3485, 3491, 3585, and 3611 South Main Street | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 01-13-21 | Approved 02-09-21 |
| Zoning Ordinance Amendment – modifying or removing regulations contained in Section 10- 3-55.6(e) within the R-5 district | Recommended approval of Option #2 | Recommended approval (7-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 4-27-21 |

Preliminary Plats

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission (PC) Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 650 Keezletown Rd (Harrisonburg Cohousing LLC) (Sub Ord Variances 10-2- 42(c) and 10-2-43) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 01-13-21 | Approved 02-09-21 |
| 1915, 1925, 1945 and 2005 East Market Street (Sub Ord Variances 10- 2-43 and 10-2-61(c) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 02-10-21 | Approved 03-09-21 |
| 107 and 137 Vine Street (Sub Ord Variances 10-2-42(c) and 10-2-43 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 04-14-21 | Approved 05-11-21 |
| 116 Pleasant Hill Road (Sub Ord Variances 10- 2-42(c) and 10-2-43 | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 05-12-21 | 06-08-21 |
| 1255 Greendale Road | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 06-09-21 | N/A |
| Parcel at terminus of Suter Street (Sub Ord Variances 10-2-41(a), 10-2-41(e) and 10-2-66) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 09/14/21 |
| 1270 Smithland Road (Sub Ord Variances 10- 2-42(c)) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 09/14/21 |
| 3900 Early Road (Sub Ord Variances 10-2-43) | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (5-0) | 08-11-21 | Approved 09/14/21 |
| 270 Mt. Clinton Pike and 1386 N Liberty St | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 11-10-21 | N/A |

Other

| Request | Staff Recommendation | Planning Commission (PC) Action | PC Date | City Council Action |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Capital Improvement Program (CIP) | N/A | Recommended approval (7-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 04-13-21 |
| 350 Acorn Drive – for the City to provide water and sanitary sewer service within Rockingham County | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 03-10-21 | Approved 03-23-21 |

| 2557 East Market Street – for the City to provide sanitary sewer service within Rockingham County | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (6-0) | 07-14-21 | Approved 08/10/21 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Rules of Procedure – return to in-person meetings and call-in line | N/A | Approved (6-0) | 07-14-21 | NA |
| Letter to City Council regarding affordable housing incentives | N/A | Approved (6-0) | 07-14-21 | NA |
| Amended Planning Commission Bylaws | N/A | Approved (5-0) | 8-11-21 | NA |
| 2702 Spotswood Trail – for the City to provide water and sanitary sewer service within Rockingham County | Recommended approval | Recommended approval (7-0) | 12-08-21 | Approved 1-11-22 |

2021 Meeting Dates

January 13, 2021July 14, 2021February 10, 2021August 11, 2021March 10, 2021September 8, 2021 – No MeetingApril 14, 2021October 13, 2021 – No MeetingMay 12, 2021November 10, 2021June 9, 2021December 8, 2021