

1 Richmond Planning Commission

2 Wednesday, August 2, 2017

3 Approved Minutes

4 **Members Present:** Sean Foley, Mark Fausel, Brian Tellstone, Lauck Parke

5 **Absent:** Joy Reap, Alison Anand, Alex Brosam

6 **Others Present:** Clare Rock (Staff)

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8 Public Comment – n/a

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10 Administrative Items & Updates

11 - Approve meeting minutes – May 3, 2017, June 28, 2017 and July 19, 2017
12 No quorum of members present at these past meeting so these minutes could not be approved
13 this evening.

14 - Updates

15 ○ New Zoning Applications and a Revision to the Fee Schedule

16 ■ Includes a fee for after-the-fact permit

17 - Public Safety Building Update – the fire department is no longer part of the
18 project, which also means that’s there is now less incentive to develop the
19 water and sewer extension line into the Gateway Commercial District

20 - Creamery – Buttermilk has received Act 250 approval and would like to start
21 work in the ROW by late August.

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23 Town Plan

24 Social, Cultural and Recreational Offerings Chapter – first review comments –

25 - Don’t mention Alison pool, but maybe more vaguely reference all the
26 privately owned social gathering places;

27 - Liked the length of the chapter and the format

28 - Add additional action under Goal I, like “Action #3: Investigate the
29 development of a combo parks and rec committee...”

30 - Regarding Comment [RS3]: Yes/Ok

31 - Strengthen discussion on the need for a Rec Director

32 - Add reference to the new Andrews Farm Town Forest

33 - Add mention of the recreational economy/cross reference the economic
34 opportunity section/benefits of river access under Winooski River subsection,
35 and the lack of a formal access and the benefit of making a formal access at
36 Volunteers Green

37 ○ Revise Target 3, under Goal 1, to emphasis the recreational economy
38 and move to a target 1, so that the Rec Director action item comes
39 after this new target.

40 - Regarding Comment [RS4] the rec areas are managed but the needs and wants
41 are growing so the current management is not sufficient

42 - Regarding Comment [RS5] yes, include the rec director Action item in
43 multiple places

44 - Regarding Comment [RS6] call them out specifically, maybe by a broad
45 statement and then adding “including tennis courts...”

46 - Goal IV, take out word “financial” from Target 2, keep word in Action 2.

- 1 - Ensure the recreational economy theme is also in other sections.
- 2 - Comment [RS7] take out Cochran’s reference. See “Community for All Ages”
- 3 Targets and Actions and duplicate the Target/Action which references
- 4 mentoring between elders and youth, plus reiterate the coordination between
- 5 the school facilities and community facilities (was this references in the
- 6 “Community for All Ages” – such as opening the school gym for public gym.
- 7 A new rec director could help with cross-coordination.
- 8 - Comment [RS8] take it out.
- 9 - Add comment in the text regarding the towns first right of refusal for the
- 10 purchase – follow up with L. Parke.
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12 Small Town Character Chapter – first review comments –

- 13 - Word traditional is overused in the chapter – what does the term “traditional”
- 14 mean – traditions may not be accepting to change. If the word “traditional” or
- 15 “tradition” is used then describe/clarify or define the traditional aspect more
- 16 specifically
- 17 - Emphasis friendliness and accepting aspects
- 18 - Cross reference with History and Traditions Chapter
- 19 - Amend or modify the opening paragraphs to say that we also want to be
- 20 progressive and forward looking (so we are not going to be traditional in the
- 21 sense that we’ll be a community run by white puritans.)
- 22 - Don’t want “tradition” to be interpreted as an Alt-Right sentiment.
- 23 - Traditional culture should be defined as open and welcoming.
- 24 - Comments [RS1 & 2] we’ll take out the statutory reference – see review
- 25 matrix.
- 26 - Comment [RS8] simply delete the “VYCC” bullet
- 27 - Small Town Character – could it be part of the intro? Are all the goals and
- 28 action part of other chapters.
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30 Adjourn

31 Tellstone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Parke, all in favor. So voted.

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33 The meeting ending at 9:05pm

34 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner

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