

1 Richmond Planning Commission

2 Regular Meeting

3 Wednesday, July 16, 2014

4 Unapproved Minutes

5 **Members Present:** Brian Tellstone, Mark Fausel (Chair), Lauck Parke, Sean Foley

6 **Absent:** Ann Cousins, Marc Hughes, Bruce LaBounty (Vice-Chair)

7 **Others Present:** Jeff Atwood, Jeff Forward, Chris Granda, Clare Rock (Town Planner/Staff to the
8 DRB)

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10 **7:15 PM No quorum of Planning Commission Members**

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12 **Public Comment** - Jeff Atwood, 2947 East Main Street, described his current proposal which will
13 be before the DRB. Atwood stated that the Richmond Town Plan encourages/supports affordable
14 housing and the state legislature wants to support affordable housing yet he feels that the town is not
15 doing enough to promote and/or encourage the development of affordable housing.

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17 Atwood mentioned there are no town incentives, no way to encourage or achieve the goals of the
18 town plan, such as a density bonus for affordable housing. Atwood would like to convert his current
19 development to be perpetual affordable. Atwood has family members and employees which can not
20 afford to purchase a house in Richmond or in Vermont. Atwood would like to encourage the
21 Commission to take up the issue of encouraging affordable housing.

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23 **Other business** - Fausel would like to reschedule the PC meeting. Rock will send out an email for
24 availability for next week and will contact Jeff Forward and Chris Granda about attending the next
25 meeting to discuss energy codes.

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27 Fausel would like to go the SB meeting next week to give an update and ask the SB to consider a
28 Board vote on the new FHOD regulations instead of a townwide vote.

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30 Rock added that channel management activities are considered a prohibited use under the draft
31 FHOD regulations dated July 10, 2014 and should be moved to a conditional use, as they are under
32 the current regulations.

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34 Joy Reap stated their property will be on the Water & Sewer Commissioner's next agenda.

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36 The meeting ending at 7:30 PM.

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38 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner/Staff to the DRB