

MINUTES
BREVARD PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 2021

Brevard Planning Board met for a regular meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held remotely in accordance with NC General Statute 166A-19.24. Simultaneous live audio and video was made available to the public online at <https://www.facebook.com/brevardplanning/>.

Members Present: Chris Strassner, Chair
Molly Jenkins
Greg Hunter, Vice Chair
Peter Chaveas
John Schommer
James Carli

Staff Present: Paul Ray, Planning Director
Leigh Huffman, Planner
Janice H. Pinson, Board Clerk

I. Welcome

At 5:30 PM, Chris Strassner, Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Introduction of Planning Board Members

The Board introduced themselves.

III. Certification of Quorum

Chair, Chris Strassner confirmed with the Board Clerk that a quorum of the Board was present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by J. Carli, second by M. Jenkins, roll call vote carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. June 22, 2021

Motion to approve as presented by J. Carli, second by J. Schommer, roll call vote carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

a. Consideration of Text Amendment TXT-21-012: Code Section 58-5. – Containers, UDO Section 4.6. – Containment areas for trash and recyclables, and UDO Section 8.6. - Parking lot Screening

Leigh Huffman, Planner, presented her staff report a portion of which follows:

Background

This is a text amendment initiated by the Downtown Master Plan Committee (DTMPC) as part of a trash collection pilot program on the block of Jordan Street between Broad Street and Caldwell Street. On June 3, 2021, the Committee directed Staff to draft language to allow sub-grade dumpsters and to allow them without screening.

The proposed text amendment (Attachment A) removes the language in the City Code of Ordinances that prohibits underground dumpsters. It also adds language to exempt sub-grade dumpsters from the screening requirements in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Discussion

The Downtown Master Plan Committee first began looking at underground dumpsters in August 27, 2020, when the merchants on Jordan Street submitted a list to Heart of Brevard of priorities for the Street. The number one priority was relocating the trash and recycling pick-up to an off-street location. The proposed solution discussed by the Committee was to install sub-grade dumpsters in the Jordan Street Parking Lot. (Attachment B) contains a brochure of the type of dumpster discussed.

The City began the first phase of the pilot program in January 2021, which involved blocking off three parking spaces in the Jordan Street Parking Lot to create a temporary trash corral for merchants and residents to place their trash for collection. The City Public Works Department also began to only pick up trash from the new location rather than from trash cans placed on the street or sidewalks.

The Committee continued discussing the options for a more permanent solution for collecting trash along Jordan Street including both above-ground and sub-grade dumpsters. The Committee voted to install three sub-grade dumpsters on June 17, 2021. The plan is for these dumpsters to be the next phase of the pilot program. If the pilot program at Jordan Street is a success, there may be other blocks that would be good candidates for a communal trash collection location.

After a brief discussion a motion to approve referencing the Consistency Statement (Attachment C) was made by G. Hunter, second by M. Jenkins, roll call vote carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comment – None.

VIII. Remarks – None.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, J. Carli moved to adjourn, seconded by M. Jenkins, roll call vote unanimously carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Chris Strassner, Chair

Janice H. Pinson, Board Clerk