Planning Commission Members Present: Patrick Crute, Jerry Davenport, Abby O’Connor, Sherry Honeycutt, John Miller, Cameron Patterson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager, Scott Davis; and Administrative Assistant, Kristen Queen

Approval of Agenda:
On a motion made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Crute, and with all members voting “aye,” the agenda for the October 30, 2019, Planning Commission meeting was approved.

Consideration of Minutes:
On a motion made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Honeycutt, and with all members voting “aye,” the minutes for the September 25, 2019, Planning Commission meeting were approved.

Public Hearings regarding the Conditional Use Permit for Longwood University Real Estate Foundation.
Dr. Miller opened the public hearing by asking Dr. Davis to read the public hearing notice.

Public Hearing Notice:
The Farmville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the below request beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville Virginia, to hear citizen comments on the following requests:

Longwood University Real Estate Foundation to build and operate a university related facility on partial parcel 023A03(11)02-007 also shown on the 1934 Town Maps as lot numbers, 221310, 221311, 221312, 221316, 221315, part of 221313 and 221313A, and part of Old Redford Street. This property is zoned Residential District R-3-A when not owned by the Commonwealth which requires a conditional use permit for university related facilities.

Ms. Louise Waller addressed the Planning Commission members on the proposed developments concerning a large donation making a large multi-use convocation center a reality on Longwood University’s Campus. While it will house the men and women’s basketball program, it will be a “community space” for events and organizations outside of the athletic program. The Joan Perry Brock Center will have 3,006 permanent seats, with additional capacity for 700 floor seats. The center is designed to be dynamic and adaptive to multiple configurations for a wide variety of events. The center is currently in the planning phase, with construction set to begin in March 2020. All total this 30-million-dollar project was elected to meet the A-1 legislation through the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation for public input when envisioning a multi-purpose space that can benefit not only on-campus causes, but
serve a broader community need. After serious consideration, the decision to locate the Center within the center of campus was the most practical placement. This application for a Conditional Use Permit is the final step to convey the referenced parcels into the appropriate footprint of the Center’s specifications. Ms. Waller stated that R.R. Emmons is the chief design architectural firm responsible for the design, and Skanska general contractors will complete the work on the project as they are familiar with the needs of the University with their work at Upchurch University Center.

Public Comments:
No public speakers participated.

Public Participation:
No public participation.

Dr. Miller called for a motion to close. On a motion made by Mr. Crute and seconded by Mr. Davenport and with all members voting “aye,” the public hearing was closed.

Old Business:
Dr. Miller asked Dr. Davis the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Davis addressed the Planning Commissions stating that Berkley has a working draft of the plan and anticipated a joint work session between the Planning Commission and the Town Council will be scheduled in January, with a public information session to be held prior to the joint work session for any further input that both entities would take into consideration.

Dr. Miller also asked for an update concerning the at-large vacancy on the Planning Commission. Dr. Davis advised that the personnel committee recently met to review applicants and that he expects the Town Council to vote for this appointment during their November meeting. When asked about the level of interest and number of applicants, Dr. Davis advised that only two applications were received. Mr. Davenport asked if this was an average response. Dr. Davis advised he could not say since this was first vacancy open within the Planning Commission in the two years, he has been with the Town but expects that the level of interest should be higher for the locality. Mr. Davenport asked about strategies to encourage involvement. Mr. Patterson added that regarding recent matters before the PC he would have thought it might foster more interest, but Ms. Honeycutt added that recent issues may have also turned people away from an active interest in becoming in seeking a seat on the Planning Commission.

New Business:
Prior to calling for a motion to consider recommending the Conditional Use Permit on behalf of the Longwood University Real-Estate Foundation before the Town Council, Dr. Miller and Dr. Patterson made a declaration of personal interest pursuant to paragraph B.1 of Virginia State Code Section 2.2-3112 and Subsection H of Virginia State Code Section 2.2-3115, that both have a personal interest regarding the conditional use permit being considered tonight, as both are affiliated and or employed by Longwood University; however, both are able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. Both members signed this declaration, and these will remain on file in the Town office.

Dr. Davis added the caveat to his staff report that the Joan Perry Brock Center will support the community, and that because this project was handled through the Longwood University Real Estate
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Foundation, and therefore regulated by Town zoning ordinances, he can find no points of argument based on location or conditions.

Ms. Honeycutt asked about the relocation of the tennis courts, and Ms. Waller advised that the relocation is already in progress with 6 new courts being constructed within an area near Wynne.

Dr. Miller called for a motion to close. A motion was made by Ms. Honeycutt and seconded by Ms. O’Connor.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimous “Aye”

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend further consideration in approving Longwood University Real Estate Foundation’s conditional use permit request by the Town Council.

No further business was called to the attention of the Planning Commission.

With no further business, Dr. Miller called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Mr. Davenport and seconded by Mr. Crute, and with a unanimous “aye” vote from all members, the meeting was moved to adjourn.
Dr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

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John Miller, Chairman     Jerry Davenport, Secretary