

City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314



Action Docket

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chamber

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission docket is subject to change. The Planning Commission reserves the right to vary the order of the meeting or reopen the public hearing on specific items, if so announced.

The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date, if so announced.

SIGN UP TO SPEAK - Click the following link to complete a Speaker's Form.

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Electronic access will be provided whether the meetings are in person or electronic. The Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government Channel 70 and streaming on the City's website. Electronic participation is also available via Zoom by registering to attend the hearings via the following registration links:

Planning Commission (Public Hearing Webinar):

The Webinar will open at 6:30 p.m. to allow individuals to join, while the Planning Commission hearing will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Registration Link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1iTDjhMMRUaWQvMeQYkREQ

Zoom Audio Conference:

Dial in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 979 4582 7225

Password: 538414

City Council (Public Hearing Webinar):

Registration Link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Soth8qSeSvuqx50Ff6DTyQ

Zoom Audio Conference:

Dial in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 923 8775 1983

Password: 217196

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Planning Commission hearing, to the City Clerk at CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov for the City Council hearing, or make public comments on the day of either hearing.

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1 Call to Order

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m, with Vice Chair McMahon and Commissioner Manor participating remotely. All other members were present at the call to order.

Consent Calendar

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Special Use Permit #2022-00012

500 Montgomery Street

Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit for a ground floor arts and cultural tenant, including the exclusion of the floor area from the floor area ratio for the site; zoned CRMU-H.

Applicant: AP 500 Montgomery LLC, represented by Robert D. Brant, attorney

Attachments: [SUP2022-00012 Staff Report](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Special Use Permit #2022-00012. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

New Business

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Subdivision #2022-00002

404 East Windsor Avenue

Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Subdivision, to re-subdivide one existing lot into two new lots; zoned: R-2-5/Single- and Two-family.

Applicant: Chad Riedy, Classic Cottages, LLC, represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney

Attachments: [SUB2022-00002 Staff Report](#)
[SUB2022-00002 Additional Materials](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to close the public hearing and approve Subdivision #2022-00002. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

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Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00004

Auxiliary Dwelling Units in Commercial Zones

Initiation of a Text Amendment and Public Hearing and consideration of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for auxiliary dwellings in section 2-136.2; update the section number for co-living dwellings to section 2-136.3; to amend sections 4-108, 4-208, 4-308, 4-408, 4-508, 4-608, 4-808, 4-907, 4-1007, 5-112, 5-212, 5-312, 5-411, 5-513, and 6-704 to replace accessory apartments with auxiliary dwellings, increase the number of units permitted, allow auxiliary dwellings in additional locations within buildings, amend the parking requirements; and add section 4-1414 to allow auxiliary dwellings in the NR zone.

Staff: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning

Attachments: [ZTA2022-00004 Staff Report](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to initiate Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00004. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to defer Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00004. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

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Staff has requested for deferral of this item.

Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00005

Bonus Height

Initiation and Public Hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend section 7-703(B) to allow bonus height to be utilized in zones with 45 foot maximum height limits.

Staff: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to defer Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00005. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

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Development Site Plan #2021-00015

Encroachment #2022-00004

4901, 4915 Polk Avenue, and unimproved public right-of-way - Alexandria Free Methodist Church

Public Hearing and consideration of requests for: (A) a Development Site Plan to

construct a building addition, new driveway entrance, accessibility improvements and parking and (B) an Encroachment on an unimproved portion of public right-of-way to permit construction of a segment of a private driveway; zoned: R-20/Single-family zone (Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill).

Applicant: Trustees of Alexandria Free Methodist Church, represented by Mark Yoo, architect and/or Aaron M. Vinson, engineer.

Attachments: [DSP2021-00015 Staff Report](#)
 [DSP2021-00015 Site Plan](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to approve Development Site Plan #2021-00015, removing Condition #20. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Encroachment #2022-00004. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

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Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00002

Coordinated Development District Conceptual Design Plan #2021-00006

Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan #2021-10028

Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2021-00085

Street Name Case #2022-00001

2121 and 2111 Eisenhower Avenue - Eisenhower East Block 23

Initiation of a Text Amendment and Public Hearing and consideration of requests for (A) a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the provisions of Section 5-602(A) to modify the Maximum F.A.R, Development Levels, Maximum Height, and Uses in Coordinated Development District #2 (CDD #2); (B) a Coordinated Development District Conceptual Design Plan for Block 23 in CDD #2, setting forth the allowable land uses and the maximum and minimum heights; (C) a Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan and subdivision for the construction of a mixed-income, multi-family housing development with structured parking, with modifications to Section 6-403 height to setback ratio and Special Use Permits for a parking reduction and to increase the height of the mechanical penthouse; (D) a Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit; and (E) a Street Name Case to name one new street; zoned CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2.

Applicant: MidAtlantic Realty Partners, LLC., represented by M. Catharine Puskar, Esq.; and The City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning (Zoning Text Amendment)

Attachments: [DSUP2021-10028 Staff Report](#)
 [DSUP2021-10028 Site Plan](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to initiate Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00002. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Ramirez recusing herself.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Zoning Text Amendment #2022-00002. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Ramirez recusing herself.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Coordinated Development District Conceptual Design Plan #2021-00006, Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan #2021-10028, and Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2021-00085. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Ramirez recusing herself.

Other Business

8 Commissioner’s Reports, Comments & Questions

Minutes

9 Consideration of the minutes from the April 7, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

Attachments: [April 7, 2022 Minutes](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of April 7, 2022, with a change as stated by Chair Macek. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

10 Adjournment

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

11 Administrative Approvals

Special Use Permit #2022-00004
 44 Canal Center Plaza
 Administrative Special Use Permit request for a New Use of a Restaurant; zoned: W-1/ Waterfront Mixed-Use.
 Proposed Business Name: Cafe 44
 Applicant: Cafe 44 Inc.
 Planner: Patrick Silva
 Status: Approved - 3/4/2022

Special Use Permit #2022-00002

222 North Lee Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Change of Ownership of a Restaurant; zoned: CD/ Commercial Downtown.

Proposed Business Name: Jack's Place

Applicant: Oyuntsetseg Olombayar

Planner: Patrick Silva

Status: Approved - 3/5/2022

If it is determined by the Chair that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting or if the work of the Planning Commission cannot be completed, the meeting will be continued on the first Thursday that is not a legal holiday. If the first Thursday is a legal holiday, then the hearing will be continued to the next Tuesday that is not a legal holiday.