

Minutes for the Planning Board

101 W. First Street, Lowell, North Carolina 28098

March 5, 2024, 6:02 PM - March 5, 2024, 6:25 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

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- **Tamika Hopper**, Board Member
- **Norris Lamb**, Vice Chairman
- **Heather Seay**, Board Member
- **Scott Wilson**, Chair
- **David Jennings**, Board Member
- **Troy Roberts**, Board Member

1. Call to Order

1A. Call to Order- 6:02 PM

The Call to order was by Chairman Scott Wilson at 6:02 pm.

1B. Determination of Quorum- 6:02 PM

Attendees included Chairman Wilson, Board Members Jennings, Lamb, Roberts, Hopper, and Seay. Board Member Shuford was absent. Staff included Planning Director Joe Gates, Planner Tyler Cobb, Stormwater Administrator Jamie Watkins, and Cristy Cummings took the minutes for the City Clerk.

1C. Pledge of Allegiance- 6:02 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Scott Wilson.

1D. Approval of Agenda- 6:02 PM

The item was motioned To Approve by David Jennings and seconded by Norris Lamb with a passing result 5-0-0-1 Absent was Natasha Shuford

2. Approval of Minutes

2A. February 5, 2024 Planning Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT- 6:03 PM

The item was motioned To Approve by Norris Lamb and seconded by Heather Seay with a passing result 5-0-1-1 Abstained by Scott Wilson Absent was Natasha Shuford

3. Old Business

4. New Business

4A. Proposed Text Amendments to LDO - Article 17- Sign Regulations- 6:06 PM

Presented by Joe Gates. Mr. Gates discussed the proposed text amendment allowing more sign area on wall signs for larger properties and buildings located in commercial and industrial districts. The amendment would also modify language for nonconforming signs to allow them to be replaced without meeting new or current standards. Lastly, the amendment would increase the amount of properties eligible for the Master Sign Plan. Staff recommends approval of the amendments. If approved, the revisions will be sent to City Council for final approval.

The item was motioned To Approve by Norris Lamb and seconded by David Jennings with a passing result 5-0-1-1 Abstained by Scott Wilson Absent was Natasha Shuford

4B. Monthly Planning Report- 6:18 PM

Presented by Joe Gates. Mr. Gates gave the Planning Board updates in the areas of code enforcement, zoning, and planning.

Mr. Gates also mentioned that he turned in his letter of resignation effective April 5, 2024. He will be at the April Planning Board meeting. He said he has really enjoyed working with this board and that Tyler Cobb would be available to help. The Board Members mentioned that he will be missed. Mr. Gates said he would like to set up some training for the new members and asked the members to contact him in the next week for items of discussion.

5. Adjournment

Board member Seay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board member Roberts. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ATTEST:



Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk



Scott Wilson, Chairman