



MINUTES

Frostburg Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room - 37 Broadway

The Frostburg Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Frostburg was called to order on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM, at the Frostburg Municipal Center, 37 Broadway, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Conrad Best, Mr.
Eric Stevens,
Jeff Snyder, Mr.
Karen Krogh, Mrs.
Ray Rase, Mr.
Richard Russo, Planning Commission

EXCUSED:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Best called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Conrad Best, Karen Krogh, Ray Rase, Adam Ritchey, Richard Russo, Jeff Snyder, and Eric Stevens were present. Adam Ritchey was absent.

3. Chair's Procedural Statement; Comments; Announcements

The Chair asks that anyone presenting business before the Commission, or any individuals who would like to comment on business before the Commission or other concerns, please come forward at the appropriate time and state your name and address for the record. Each meeting is recorded, so please speak clearly.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1. Commissioner Krogh made a motion to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Rase seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Citizen Comments

From Floor; intended for topics unrelated to the current agenda items

5.1. Diana Wilson, President of Frostburg Rental and Sales, 227 E. Main Street, discussed the potential sale of the Frostburg Rental and Sales building to the owners of Rehab 1st. The purpose of the sale would be for Rehab 1st to open a cannabis dispensary. She stated that the new owners would also intend on purchasing additional properties on the block for parking purposes. She stated that she wanted to make the Planning Commission aware of the potential sale and she feels that the new owners are planning on running a respectable business.

- 5.2. Brian Alderton, 6 S. Mt. Vernon Street, stated that he lives approximately 50 feet away from where the proposed cannabis dispensary will be located and that he would like the City to ensure that adequate distances from residential areas be observed with regard to Zoning for cannabis dispensaries.

6. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

7. Discussion Items

By Chair and Members of the Commission

7.1. MD House Bill 805 - Cannabis - Licensee Locations - Restrictions

The Commissioners and Staff discussed the recently passed MD House Bill 805 which concerns the restrictions on cannabis licensee locations, and potential updates to the City of Frostburg's Zoning Ordinance as a result of the new legislation. After discussion of various aspects of the new bill and its potential impacts, Commissioner Rase made a motion to table the discussion until next month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevens, a vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously carried.

8. Administrative Business and Communications Received

9. Staff Reports

9.1. Comprehensive Plan Consultant Update

Staff gave an update on the selection of Wallace Montgomery as the Comprehensive Plan consultant. Staff stated that the review committee unanimously voted to select Wallace Montgomery as the consultant for the City's upcoming Comprehensive Plan and that Mayor and Council voted to award them the contract.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rase made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Snyder, and Chair Best called the meeting to a close at 7:53 PM.

Bethany Fife, Planner / Interim
Community Development Director