

**NEW CUMBERLAND BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY- APRIL 17, 2024

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Miles at 7:05 p.m.

Planning Commission Members Present

Fred Miles, Vice-Chairperson
Norman Kennard, Secretary
George Estep, arrived 7:17 p.m.
Adam Trone, departed 7:43 p.m.
Jennifer McElrath

Others Present

Nathaniel Dysard, Borough Manager

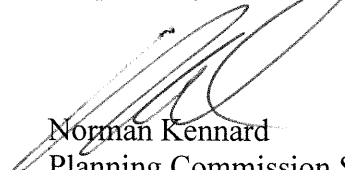
Members Absent

Faith Curran, Chairperson
Ira Beckerman

2. Public Comment – A number of residents were present to discuss concerns regarding a proposed recovery house at 205 Bailey Street. Several questions and concerns were raised. Among others, key points were:
 - a. Will use be considered Group Home, Group Care Facility, or Halfway House
 - b. A meeting with concerned residents was requested.
 - c. Alcoholism is classified as AUD, alcohol use disorder.
 - d. Are residents residing for 1-year or is it transitional livingPlanning Commission members and Mr. Dysard addressed many questions and reminded those attending that as of now, no application has been made for the proposed use. Representatives for the resident group were asked to submit a Right to Know Request once the zoning permit application is submitted in order to obtain a copy of the permit.
3. Approval of March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Kennard, seconded by Ms. McElrath to approve the March 20, 2024, minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. County Blighted Property Determination for 129 16th Street – Mary Kuna, Executive Director of Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities was present to discuss the County Blighted Property process. After presenting the process, Ms. Kuna asked the Planning Commission to table action on 129 16th Street for the next meeting, as the application has not worked through the legal requirements yet at the County level. A motion was made by Mr. Kennard, seconded by Ms. McElrath to table action on the blighted property determination for 129 16th Street. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Comprehensive Plan Discussion – Mr. Dysard presented the updated Comprehensive Plan document framework and indicated that as time permits, additional details will be added as we continue to build out text for the plan update.
6. Old Business – Vice-Chairperson Miles discussed the Borough’s participation in a multi-municipal Safe Streets for All grant application being coordinated by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. The grant, if awarded, will provide an opportunity for the Borough to install temporary pedestrian safety improvements on Bridge Street for a significantly reduced cost.
7. Building/Zoning Report – The commission acknowledged the list of building and zoning permits issued for March 2024.
8. Adjournment – Vice-Chairperson Miles adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Kennard', is written over the typed name.

Norman Kennard
Planning Commission Secretary