

Minutes
Huntington Planning Commission
December 05, 2022

A meeting of the City of Huntington Planning Commission was held on December 05, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. *Mr. Gallagher* called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Brian Gallagher, Sarah Walling, Sharon Pell, Carl Eastham, Ursulette Ward, Holly Smith Mount

Members Absent: Gerry Holley, Stephanie Vlahos Bryant, Sean Hornbuckle

Staff Present: Janney Lockman, Planner
Ericka Hernandez, Assistant City Attorney
Nathaniel Crum, Planning Technician

Ms. Walling made a motion to approve the November Minutes as presented; *Ms. Mount* seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the Minutes were approved.

PC 22-MS-09

A proposal to develop storage units on a property that is approximately 58,125 SF or 1.3 acres. The property is located on the southern side of the 1700 block of Virginia Avenue and is zoned C-2 Highway Commercial District.

Petitioner/Property Owner: B&B Holdings, 1539 Greenup Ave. Suite 101, Ashland, KY

Ms. Lockman presented the Staff Report.

Teresa Colton, 308 18th Street West, Voices her concern saying that they have trouble sleeping with the traffic in the area and that this could increase traffic which would further inhibit their quality of sleep. I feel that we are being surrounded by commercial businesses and access ways and will soon be asked to sell our homes.

JB Blankenship, B&B Holdings, stated that the original idea was this site to be used for parking and equipment storage. Plans changed when the warehouses that are owned on the other side of the road became available after steel products retired/closed, this site was then offered to Paving Solutions for interior storage. No heavy equipment or large trucks would be going to storage units.

Ms. Walling – asked what the business’s hours of operation would be.

Mr. Blankenship stated that the business would be open 24 hours.

Mr. Eastham moves to approve the petition. Motion dies without a second, *Ms. Walling* seconded for purposes of discussion.

Ms. Mount is concerned that storage units are showing up all over the city.

Ms. Walling voiced her concerns that having 140 units open 24 hours would cause an increase of traffic into the neighborhood. Though she does not want to deter development, it is also the Planning Commission’s duty to be aware of what goes on in neighborhoods.

Ms. Walling brought up the idea of amending the petition to require a landscaping plan.

All were in favor of this idea and the amendment to the petition passed.

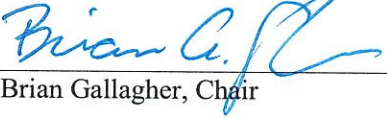
Mr. Eastham exclaimed that he drives by this site almost every day and nothing else is going here. Any development is a plus and a way to jump start the area. The block is vacant, housing not likely to go back. Homes being abandoned and dilapidated.

Ms. Ward stated that housing being abandoned speaks to community feeling like they are being pushed out.

Ms. Walling motioned to approve PC 22-MS-09, *Ms. Mount* Seconded the motion. Motion failed by a vote 2 Yes to 4 No.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Date approved: 3/6/23

Chairperson: 
Brian Gallagher, Chair

Prepared by: 
Nate Crum, Planning Technician