



**Agenda**  
Huntington Planning Commission  
Monday, February 6, 2023 – 5:30pm

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1. Preliminaries
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
5. Annual Report 2022
6. Approval of the December 2022 Minutes
7. New Business

*Issue:* A proposal to adopt procedures for public participation during the Comprehensive Plan update process.

8. Good and Welfare
9. Other Business or Announcements
10. Adjournment

**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  
Nathanial 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Gallagher, Chair Nate Crum, Planning Technician

**City of Huntington, West Virginia  
Planning Commission  
The Comprehensive Plan Procedures for Public Input**

Pursuant to the requirements of W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(c), the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington, West Virginia (“Huntington Planning Commission”) hereby adopts the following procedures to encourage and promote public participation in the drafting of the Huntington Comprehensive Plan (“comprehensive plan”). The comprehensive plan is being drafted pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8A-1-1.

- (1) The Huntington Planning Commission will request input from other affected governing bodies and units of governments that may be affected by the adoption of the comprehensive plan.
- (2) Under W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(b), once the Huntington Planning Commission has completed a draft of the comprehensive plan, and before the Huntington Planning Commission submits a plan to the City Council for adoption or consent, it must publicize and hold a public hearing on the draft of its plan.
  - a. More particularly, under W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(b), at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the public hearing, the Planning Commission will publish a notice of the date, time, and place of the public hearing as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of the West Virginia Code. The notice shall run in the Herald Dispatch or a general circulating publication, in the area that will be covered by the comprehensive plan.
  - b. In addition to the requirements of W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(b), above, the Huntington Planning Commission will publish its draft of the comprehensive plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing. Specifically, the Planning Commission will post hardcopies of the draft plan for public review at Huntington City Hall.
- (3) Public notice of Huntington Planning Commission meetings will be given pursuant to the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act, where applicable.
- (4) Public engagement for the comprehensive plan will be designed to be inclusive, provide repeat engagement, and build upon previous rounds of engagement. Participation will be facilitated through the following methods at minimum:
  - a. Website
  - b. Online surveys
  - c. Steering committee meetings
  - d. Open houses
- (5) No provision herein shall be construed as limiting the Huntington Planning Commission’s ability to engage in additional public participation efforts as the Huntington Planning Commission deems appropriate. No provision herein shall prohibit the Huntington Planning Commission from amending these procedures.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President

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Vice-President

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