



MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2018

TO: Planning Board Members
FROM: Lance Hight, Planning Director

RE: No Regular April Planning Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting for Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 will not be held.

Staff is working on several projects and below I have provided an update on each with some pictures on the following pages:

- The streetscape project is closing out. We have gone over punch list items, and there are some minor corrections to be made with markings and replacing landscaping.
- Norfolk Southern attended a pre-construction meeting last week to go over the work on the pedestrian Z-gate. If their schedule holds, they will begin their portion of the work in the next two weeks. Then city crews will complete the remaining work thereafter.
- The former Drum's Restaurant parking lot plans have been finalized and have been sent out for contractors to submit bids.
- The City Council approved a contract to purchase the corner property at 104 1st St East at the 5 points intersection (vacant building that used to be painted multiple colors). Funds are also approved to demolish the structure, however we have learned of a grant opportunity that could defray the demolition costs, therefore demolition will be coming in a few months.
- The pergola/outdoor seating area near the BB&T downtown is constructed. Concrete work is scheduled this week, and thereafter porch swings, landscaping, and planters will be installed.
- Staff submitted a local projects grant application to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization for STBG-DA funding. This funding is through the NCDOT and will fund 80% of a transportation project. The application included the installation of mast arm signals and pedestrian crossing signals for the 5-points intersection. This will be a long-term project, as there are significant overhead utilities that will require relocation. Below is a picture of existing lines, and an example of what it could look like.

Conover Police Dept. Citizens' Academy

Planning Staff, along with Public Works Staff will be giving presentations to this year's Police Citizens' Academy on Thursday, April 12th, at 6pm at the Conover Police Department. Any Planning Board member that is interested in learning more about Public Works functions and Planning/City Hall functions, feel free to attend.



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