

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
Council Chambers – Municipal Building

12:00pm Work Session 2:00pm Executive Session 4:00pm Regular Session

Friday June 14, 2024

12:00 pm – WORK SESSION

1. Boards & Commissions
 - A. City Staff liaison to present their board and recommendations including establishment by state law or charter, number and consistency of membership, and recommended number of board members.
2. Discuss Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Approval of Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive
 - B. Arts & Cultural Committee membership requirements
 - C. Budget Amendment
3. Quarterly Department Updates:
 - A. MiNET

2:00 pm – EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 2.2-3711.A.1: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, concerning Board and Commission interviews and a meeting with staff members.
2. 2.2-3711.A.3: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, concerning the BB&T project
3. 2.2-3711.A.8: Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pertaining to the Henry County PSA lawsuit.

4:00 pm – REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the American Flag by Council Member Tammy Pearson.
3. Invocation –
4. Proclamations and Presentations
 - A. National Police Week 2024 & Peace Officers Memorial Day
 - B. Patrick & Henry Community College Softball National Champions
 - C. Men's Health Week
 - D. National Flag Day

5. Consent Agenda

A. Items Previously Discussed

1. Approval of Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive - recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on April 17, Public Hearing was held May 28
2. Arts & Cultural Committee membership requirements
3. Budget Amendment

B. Board Appointments

6. Public Hearing

A. Accept names for upcoming School Board vacancies

7. Regular agenda or New business

8. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session

9. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens with the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda. Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council, at kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us, calling in their comments to 276-403-5182, faxing comments to 276-403-5280, or mailing comments to the City of Martinsville, attn.: Karen Roberts, P.O. Drawer 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114. Comments must be received by 12:00noon June 13, 2024. Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner. Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by Council at the meeting. Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. Priority for comments AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA Council Chambers – Municipal Building 5:00pm Work Session 7:00pm Regular Session DATE is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council chamber. This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.

10. Comments by Members of City Council (5 mins)

11. Communications

- A. City Manager
- B. City Attorney

12. Adjournment

MEETINGS: June 14, 2024

TITLE: Special Use Permit Request – 1048 Independence Drive

STAFF RESPONSIBLE Keith Holland, Community Development Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Tony Williams, applicant and owner of property at 1048 Independence Drive has requested a Special Use Permit to allow for a live/work residence on this land. Mr. Williams, a native of Martinsville, is a professional woodworking artist who would like to retire in Martinsville, while still having the ability to woodwork in his spare time. In order to achieve this, Mr. Williams plans to construct a 40' x 51' metal building to work and reside in for the foreseeable future. Eventually, Mr. Williams will construct a permanent retirement home on the same property, and will then utilize the metal building as an accessory structure to the home.

The property at 1048 Independence Drive (Tax Map ID: 47 (01)00/01A) is approximately 19.18 acres and zoned R-C, City Residential District. Live-work residences are a permitted use by issuance of a Special Use Permit in R-C districts (Section XI.-R-C, *City Residential District, D. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permits*).

The Martinsville Planning Commission held a legally advertised public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, to hear comments or concerns. There was one (1) public comment received during the public hearing asking for clarification of the request. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that City Council grant this Special Use Permit. City Council held a properly advertised public hearing on May 28, 2024, but took no action on the SUP request.

POLICY EXPLANATION

The Martinsville Planning Commission voted to recommend APPROVAL of the requested Special Use Permit by a vote of 4-0 (Watkins, Hairston absent), to allow for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a live-work residence consisting of an art and woodworking shop at property located at 1048 Independence Drive. City Council holds the responsibility to approve or deny any Special Use Permit per our Zoning Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

None

AVAILABLE BUDGET

NA

PURCHASE AMOUNT

NA

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the requested Special Use Permit.
2. Deny the requested Special Use Permit.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Report to Planning Commission



**MARTINSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - a. March 20, 2024
- IV. New Business: Public Hearing
 - a. Special Use Permit Application – 1048 Independence Drive
 - i. Staff presentation
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Vote to recommend approval, denial, or to delay action
- V. Adjourn

NOTE: Planning Commission meetings will require in-person attendance and will only be allowed by Zoom on a limited basis. Section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia limits electronic means of attendance to two (2) meetings or 25% of the meetings in a calendar year. Please also note that per Section 15.2-2212 of the Code of Virginia, Planning Commission members can be removed from office by the local governing body if the member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Commission, or is absent from any four (4) meetings of the Commission within any 12-month period.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

The Martinsville Planning Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

I. Joseph Martin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Martin, Chair

Riggs Roberson, Vice-Chair

Jonathan Martin

Nelson Evans

DeShanta Hairston

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Watkins

STAFF PRESENT:

Kris Bridges, Building Official/Zoning Administrator

Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist

III. Approval of Minutes:

a. Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting. DeShanta Hairston made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jonathan Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. New Business: Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Hannah Powell presented proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to building height requirements and handicap space requirements as discussed and verbally approved at the previous meeting. She explained that the draft had remained the same except for the previously determined change to the C-UB district.

Chairman Martin opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak on the matter. There was none; he then closed the public hearing and discussion amongst the members ensued.

Riggs Roberson made a motion to recommend approval, finding that the proposed amendments as presented on March 20, 2024 will promote the

health, safety, and general welfare of the public and assist in the orderly development of city. Jonathan Martin seconded the motion. The motion to recommend approval of the proposed zoning amendments was approved by a vote of 5-0.

V. Adjourn

- a. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4.38 p.m.

Joseph Martin, Chair
Martinsville Planning Commission

Hannah L. Powell
Recording Secretary

March 28, 2024
Date



Date: April 7, 2024

To: Martinsville Planning Commission

From: Hannah L. Powell, Community Development Specialist

RE: Application for Special Use Permit – 1048 Independence Drive

SUBJECT:

APPLICATION for SPECIAL USE PERMIT - Application of Tony Williams, Applicant and Owner, requesting a Special Use Permit with possible conditions, to allow for a live-work residence consisting of an art and woodworking studio, on property located at 1048 Independence Drive and currently zoned R-C, City Residential District. Live-work residences are permitted uses in R-C zoning districts by issuance of a Special Use Permit by Martinsville City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Williams, a native of Martinsville, recently purchased the 19- acre property at 1048 Independence Drive with the intent of building a retirement home in the future. He has spent the last twenty-five years in Pennsylvania pursuing a career in art and wood sculpture, where his current art studio is located. Mr. Williams would like to spend his retirement years in Martinsville, while still having the ability to create art and wood sculptures in his spare time.

Mr. Williams plans to initially construct a 40' x 51' metal building to be used as a residence and art/woodworking studio on the property at 1048 Independence Drive (see SBSI Design Drawing). He intends to both reside and work on the property while still being able to maintain plenty of acreage and open space.

The property at 1048 Independence Drive is approximately 19.18 acres and is zoned R-C, City Residential. Live-work residences are a permitted use in R-C zoning districts with the issuance of a Special Use Permit. The property is currently vacant and not being utilized in any way.

ZONING ORDINANCE:

Section XI.-R-C, *City Residential District. D.- Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit. 13.- Live-Work Residence.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The applicant will be required to submit a site plan for staff review and approval to ensure zoning requirements, such as sufficient parking, are met. Staff respectively recommends that the Planning Commission consider and recommend approval of the Special Use Permit request to allow for a live-work residence, consisting of an art and woodworking studio and residential home, at property located at 1048 Independence Drive.

NEXT STEPS:

Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the Special Use Permit request and make a recommendation to City Council. The Planning Commission will either recommend approval, denial, or to delay action. Once the Planning Commission makes a recommendation of approval or denial, a public hearing will be held before City Council the following month for their final decision of approval or denial of the request.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

(APPROVE) I make a motion to recommend *APPROVAL* of the special use permit request, finding that the request as presented on April 17, 2024 will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and assist in the implementation of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly future development of the City.

OR

(DENY) I make a motion to recommend *DENIAL* of the special use permit request, finding that the request as presented on April 17, 2024 will *NOT* promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and assist in the implementation of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly future development of the City.

OR

(DELAY ACTION) I make a motion to delay action on this request until the Planning Commission can be provided with more information to effectively make a recommendation.

Attachments:

Special Use Permit Application
Applicant Letter
SBSI Design Drawing
Vicinity Map/Aerial Map
GIS Property Card

FORM 1011

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
Application for Special Use Permit

Part I (to be completed by applicant and submitted with a non-refundable fee of \$200.00) Please type or print in ink the following information:

Applicant's Name: Tony Williams Telephone: 215-896-1916

Applicant's Address: 100 Vernon Lane, Axton VA 24054

Owner's Name (if different from Applicant): _____ Telephone: _____

Owner's Address: _____

Location of Property: 1048 Independence Drive

Tax Map and Lot Number: Section _____ Block _____ Lots(s) Tract 1-A

Existing Land Use: UN-used Existing Zoning _____

Description of proposed development (attach all required plans and documents): _____

Construction of Artist Studio

Statement in Support of proposed Special Use request: See Attached

(to be completed by City Staff)

Name and complete address (with zip code) of the owners of all property located adjacent to or directly across a street from the property for which the change in use is being requested:

Name: See attached spreadsheet for adjoining - HP

Address: _____

Tax Map ID: Section _____ Block _____ Lot(s) _____ Zoning _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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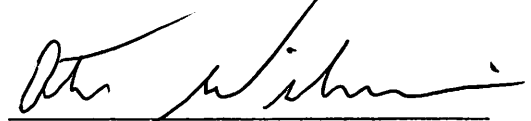
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Received HLP

Application for Special Use Permit

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I hereby apply for a special use permit for the property described herein subject to all City and State laws, ordinances and regulations. I hereby grant appropriate City officials the right to enter upon the above described property during normal business hours to conduct any inspection necessary. I hereby certify, under penalties of perjury, that the above information is true and correct.



Signature of Applicant/Agent

Owner's consent if different from applicant :

Signature of Owner(s)

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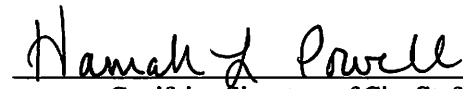
Part 2 (to be completed by City)

Date Completed Application and Fee Received: March 11, 2024

Date of Planning Commission Hearing: April 17, 2024 Dates of Advertisements: 4/6/24 ; 4/13/24

Date of City Council Hearing: _____ Dates of Advertisements: _____

I certify that, on _____, each of the property owners adjacent to and across the street from the property affected by this request were sent by first class mail a notification of the public hearing before the Martinsville Planning Commission.



Certifying Signature of City Staff

Attest by Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court

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Recommendation by Planning Commission: _____

Action by Martinsville City Council: Date _____ Approved ☐ Denied ☐

Tony Williams

100 Vernon Lane

Axton Va 24112

215-896-1916

RE: Special Use Permit, Support Statement

I am seeking a special use permit as a stopgap measure until I am ready to build my retirement home.. I've recently purchased the 19.5 acres in question for this purpose. I am a graduate of Martinsville High, Class of 82. I moved away and returned 2 years ago with the intention of retiring here.

While I was away I have been pursuing a career as a part time, One Of Kind, Functional Art Furniture and Wood Sculpture Artist in PA for the last 25 years. (www.atwilliamsart.net).

My current studio is still housed in a building in PA right now, while I have been looking for a location to relocate it to here in Va. I currently own my home here in Axton, and I am not looking to build another home at this time.

I purchased the 19.5-acre property here for the purposes of a place to put my home and studio and lots of open space..

Thank you for your consideration.

Tony Williams

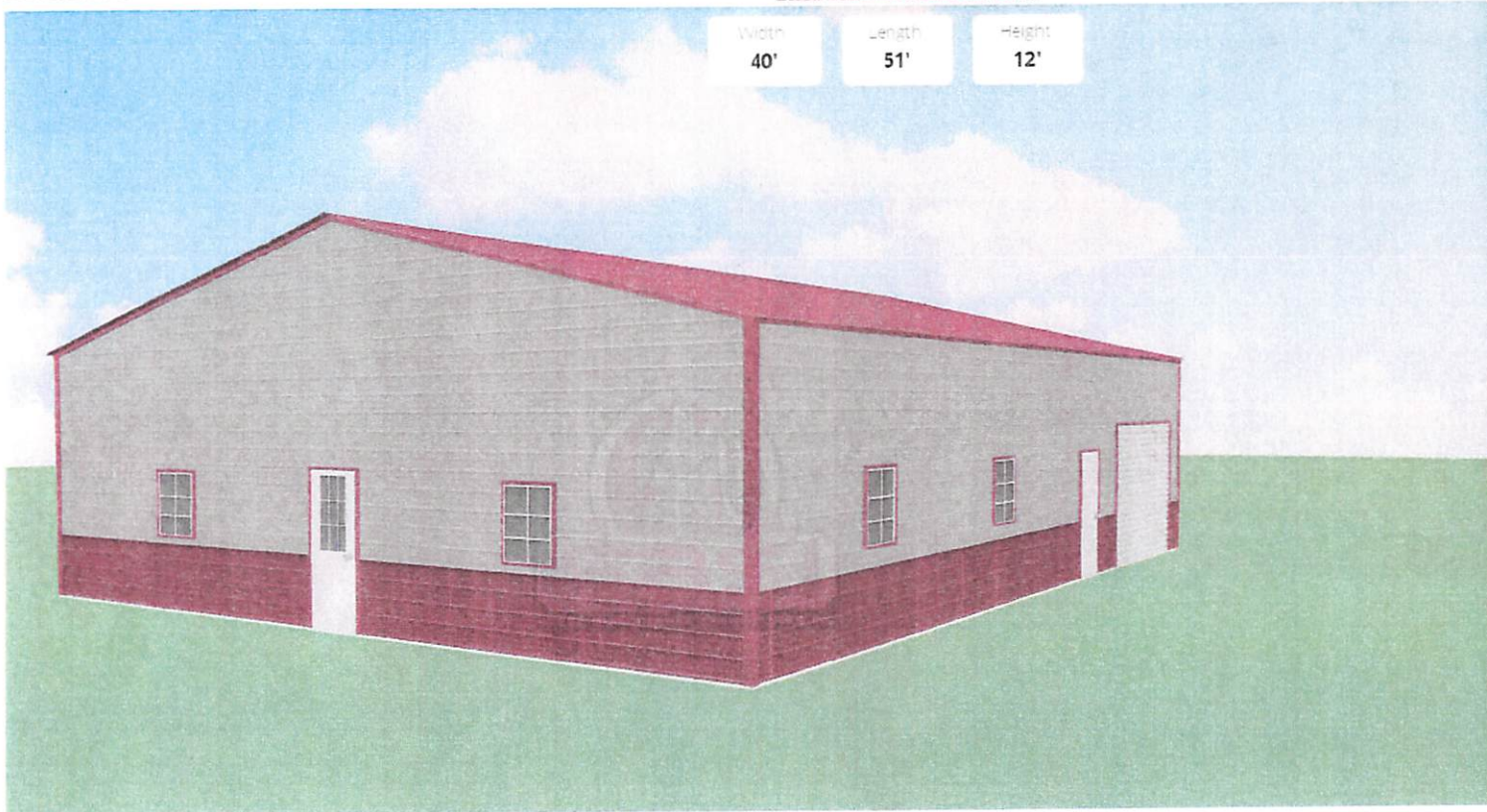


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Height
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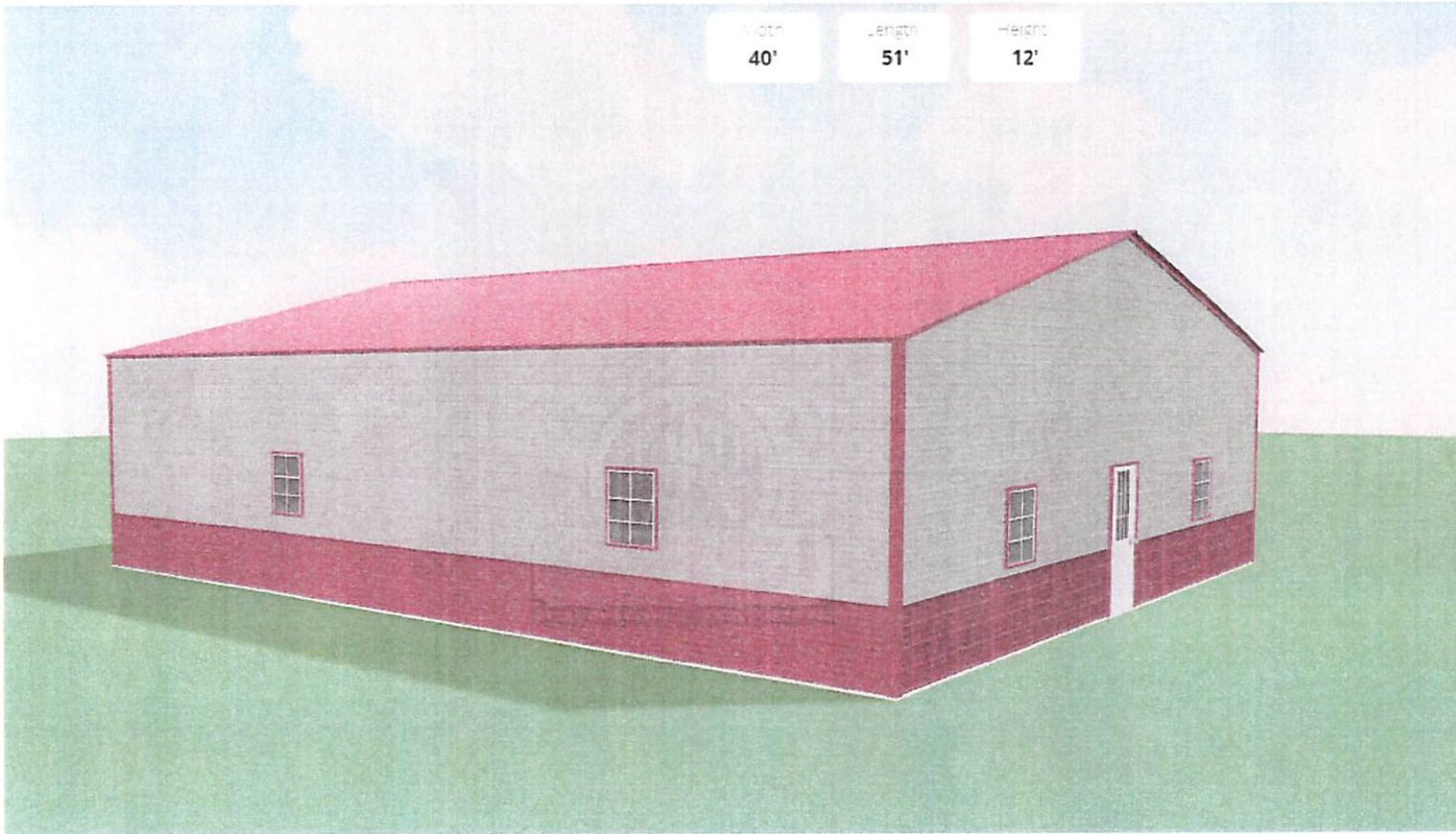


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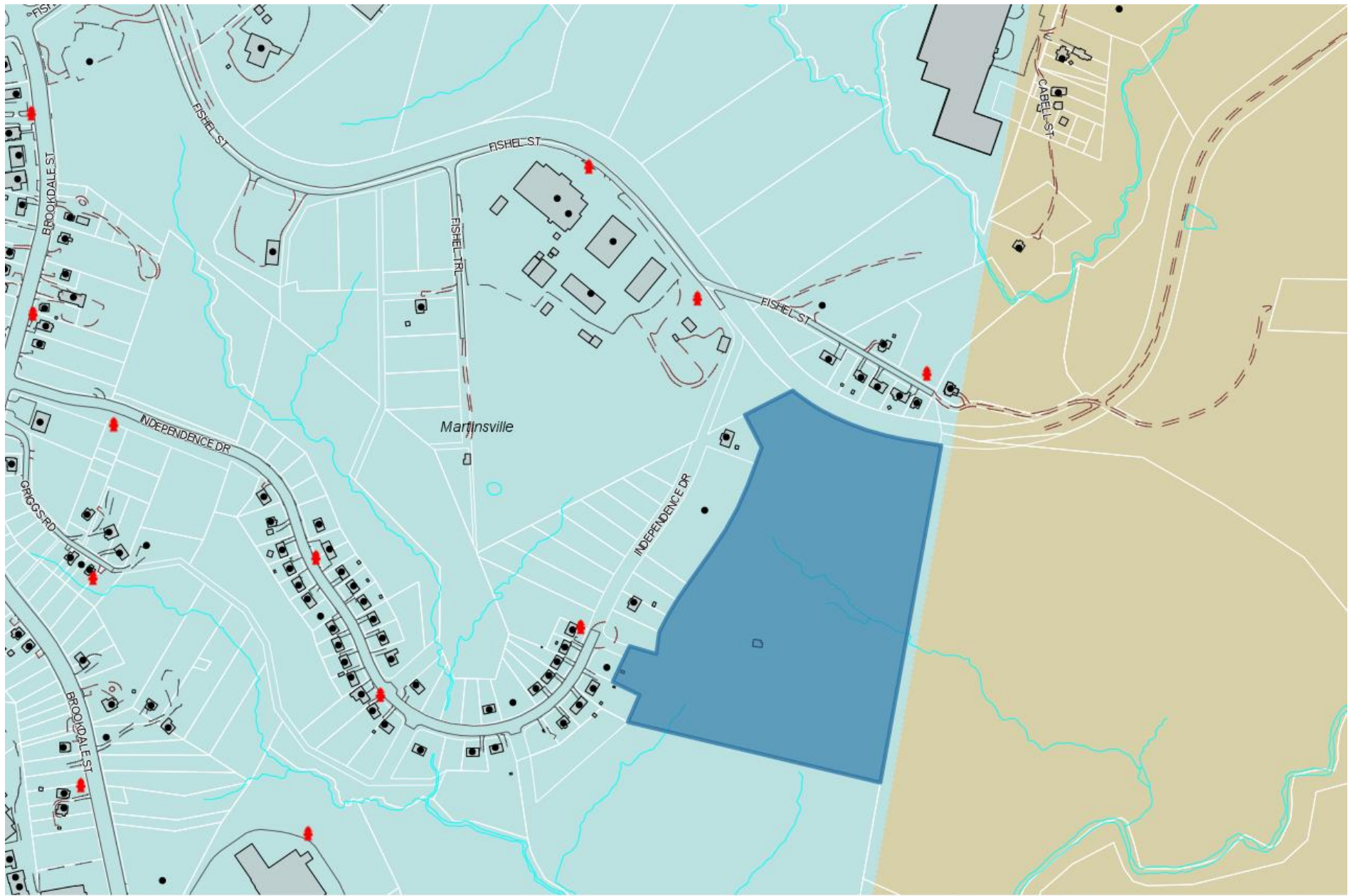
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Front Left Profile

1048 Independence Drive



1048 Independence Drive



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Special Use Permit for 1048 Independence Drive

June 14, 2024

Purpose

- Under the City Zoning Ordinance, City Council has the authority to approve or deny a request for a Special Use Permit.
- The property at 1048 Independence Drive (Tax Map ID: 47 (01)00/01A) is approximately 19.18 acres and zoned R-C, City Residential District.
- The owner of the property has requested a SUP for a live/work residence permitted under City Zoning, but only by issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 17, 2024 and unanimously recommended that City Council approve the SUP.
- City Council held a public hearing on May 28, 2024, but tabled a decision on approval or denial of the SUP.

Questions?

MEETINGS: June 14, 2024

TITLE: Arts & Cultural Committee Membership Requirements

STAFF RESPONSIBLE Keith Holland, Community Development Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Arts & Cultural Committee was established by City Council in 2010, where membership requirements were also established. Since that time, some of the organizations included in the membership criteria have dispersed while new organizations have been created.

Recruiting qualified members for the Arts & Cultural Committee has proven difficult with the current membership requirements. In an effort to expand the impact that arts and culture can play in community revitalization, the ACC thought it would be advisable to change the make up of the organizations sought as partners to serve on the ACC. At the City Council meeting on May 28, the consensus of Council members was to reduce the committee number from 11 to 7 to address the difficulty of recruiting new members for approval. For several reasons, the ACC and city staff respectfully asks City Council to reconsidered their decision to reduce ACC membership and approve the new criteria for membership as presented during the May 28 meeting.

POLICY EXPLANATION

Staff and the Arts & Cultural Committee feels that updating the membership requirements will result in a larger pool of qualified committee members, allowing the committee to reach full membership and be a more effective positive force in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

AVAILABLE BUDGET
None NA

PURCHASE AMOUNT
NA

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the attached ACC membership requirements and rescind the reduction of the ACC from 11 to 7.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Updated ACC membership requirements
2. Existing ACC membership requirements

Arts & Cultural Committee

Updated Membership Requirements

(If possible, members shall be selected based on the following requirements)

- (1) Representative from Piedmont Arts Association
- (1) Representative from Studio 107
- (1) Representative from Virginia Museum of Natural History
- (1) Representative from MHC Historical Society
- (1) Representative from Ray Hollingsworth's Dance Studio
- (1) Representative from FAHI Museum
- (1) Representative from RoosterWalk
- (1) Local Artist
- (3) City Residents/Business Owners/Local Artists

How Current Membership Compares and Vacancies Remaining:

- 1) Piedmont Arts Association – **Vacant**
- 2) Studio 107 – **Vacant**
- 3) Virginia Museum of Natural History - **Vacant**
- 4) MHC Historical Society - **Vacant**
- 5) Ray Hollingsworth Dance Studio – Mandy Gordon
- 6) FAHI Museum – **Vacant**
- 7) RoosterWalk – **Vacant**
- 8) Local Artist – Julian Mei
- 9) City Resident – Jennifer Nease
- 10) City Resident – Kathleen McEvoy
- 11) City Resident – Shawn Mitchell

ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Arts and Cultural Committee works to enhance the Arts/Cultural District in the City of Martinsville. The Arts and Cultural Committee reports to the Planning Commission and works with the Architectural Review Board. The Committee consists of 11 members who serve three-year terms appointed by the City Council.

To ensure stakeholder involvement and input, members include:

- Representative from Piedmont Arts Association/Studio 107
- Representative from the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Representative from Southern Virginia Artisan Center
- Representative from the MHC Historical Society
- Representative from the Architectural Review Board
- Representative from West Piedmont Planning District Board
- A City Business Owner
- Four (4) Citizens

Community Development will serve as Secretary, and the Committee elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman among its members. The Committee meets on an as-needed basis.

TERMS: Each committee member will serve staggered terms of three years in duration.
CONTACT: Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, 276-403-5156, P.O. Box 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114
 The board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am.

Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Lucy Treado, 615 Jefferson St, Apt 1 (Resigned)	(VMNH) 3yr initial term	3/31/26	
VACANT	(PAA)	12/31/25	
Julian Mei, 207 Thomas Heights	(ARTISAN)	12/31/26	
Callie Hietaala, 1125 Cherokee Trail (Resigned)	(HISTORICAL)	3/31/24	
VACANT	(ARB)	12/31/25	Partial Term
Edward Mitchell, 1406 Spruce Street Ext	(Citizen)	12/31/25	
Kathleen McEvoy, 709 Spruce Street) (Re-Appointment as Citizen)	(WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT)	12/31/23	
Mandy Gordon, 1707 Mulberry Rd	(CITY BUSINESS OWNER)	3/31/26	
VACANT	(Citizen)	12/31/26	Partial Term
Imogene Hodge Draper, 1035 Mulberry Rd (Resigned)	(Citizen)	12/31/25	Partial Term
Jennifer Nease, 1236 Sam Lions Trail (Resigned)	(Citizen)	2/25/26	Partial Term



Arts & Cultural Committee Membership Requirements

June 14, 2024

Purpose

- The Arts & Culture Committee respectfully asks that the City Council reconsider the decision to scale back membership limits from 11 to 7 and request to appoint volunteers from the organizations listed in the proposed criteria developed by the ACC membership as presented during the May 28 Council meeting.
- Unlike other appointed boards and commissions, the ACC relies heavily on its members to lead and volunteer for projects, so a larger and more engaged membership net is better.
- The recommended restructured membership criteria expands the circle of arts organizations and local practicing artists that could be involved in the community and lead to more opportunities to collaborate among the artisan network in Martinsville/Henry County.
- Other organizations can be added to the membership to recruit talented and qualified individuals in various disciplines of the local arts and cultural community.
- Arts and cultural enrichment can be a cornerstone for community revitalization, economic opportunities, and increased tourism and visits to Martinsville.

Comparison of Requirements

UPDATED REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Representative from Piedmont Arts Association
- (1) Representative from Studio 107
- (1) Representative from Virginia Museum of Natural History
- (1) Representative from MHC Historical Society
- (1) Representative from Ray Hollingsworth's Dance Studio
- (1) Representative from FAHI Museum
- (1) Representative from Rooster Walk
- (1) Local Artist
- (3) City Residents or Business Owners or Local Artists

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Representative from Piedmont Arts or Studio 107
- (1) Representative from Virginia Museum of Natural History
- (1) Representative from Southern VA Artisan Center
- (1) Representative from MHC Historical Society
- (1) Representative from Architectural Review Board
- (1) Representative from West Piedmont Planning District Commission
- (1) City Business Owner
- (4) Citizens

Questions?



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2024 & PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department of the City of Martinsville are instrumental in creating peace of mind to all the citizenry through their many efforts to enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on all our citizens to recognize, know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, dedication, and sacrifices of the men and women of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department of the City of Martinsville, and it is also incumbent upon each law enforcement officer to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the Police and Sheriff Departments of the City of Martinsville are professional organizations that remain abreast in the latest scientific applications of criminalistics;

WHEREAS, I call upon all citizens of the City of Martinsville to observe May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day to honor those men and women who, through their dedicated service and courageous deeds, have lost their lives or been disabled in the performance of their duties. I especially want to recognize Martinsville Policeman George F. Carter, who lost his life in the performance of his duty on June 14, 1919 while he was attempting to apprehend gamblers. I would also like to recognize Martinsville Police Officer Jonathan Bowling who lost his life on January 26, 2005 while fighting in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LC Jones, Mayor of Martinsville, call upon all citizens of the City of Martinsville and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 through May 18, 2024, as National Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all our people may join in recognizing the women and men, both past and present, who by their faithful and loyal service and devotion to their charge have rendered a dedicated service to our community and the citizens within it, and in performing these duties have established an enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all the citizens of Martinsville.

LC Jones
Mayor



Proclamation

HONORING THE PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE VARSITY WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

June 14, 2024

WHEREAS, The Patrick & Henry Community College Lady Patriots are the National Junior College Athletic Association, Division III Softball World Series Champions of the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, This national championship is the first of any Patrick & Henry Community College sports program; and

WHEREAS, The Patrick & Henry Community College Women's Softball team claimed the 2024 NJCAA Division III Softball World Series National Championship over defending champion North Dakota SCS; and

WHEREAS, Freshman shortstop Laila Rodriguez was named the tournament's most valuable player after finishing with a .500 batting average and having a significant impact defensively; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Robbi Campbell was named Appalachian District Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Pitcher Morgan Strickland tossed 38.2 out of 39 innings for the Patriots and was named the Pitcher of the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Greenly Elliott and Kyndal Hopkins were recognized on the All-Tournament team.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LC Jones, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia on this 14th day of June, 2024, do hereby recognize, embrace and commend the Patrick & Henry Community College Women's Softball team for their extraordinary achievement in winning the National Junior College Athletic Association, Division III, Softball World Series Championship of 2024 and for being a source of pride for our entire community.

LC Jones, Mayor



MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

JUNE 10-16, 2024

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screening and living healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide, life expectancy for men averages five years less than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of health problems such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease and premature mortality; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventative health screenings, healthy living and seeking needed help; and

WHEREAS, The growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of Men's Health Month is National Men's Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor LC Jones, do hereby recognize June 10th-16th, 2024 as Men's Health WEEK in the City of Martinsville, Virginia and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

LC Jones, Mayor



P R O C L A M A T I O N

NATIONAL FLAG DAY

JUNE 14, 2024

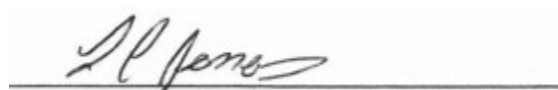
WHEREAS, by Act of the Congress of the United States, dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress, June 14 of each year has been designated "**National Flag Day**"; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martinsville Uptown, and Woodmen Life will be the official sponsors of **National Flag Day**; and

WHEREAS, **Flag Day** celebrates our nation's symbol of unity and stands for our country's devotion to freedom and the equal rights of all; now, therefore,

I, L. C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim **June 14, 2024**, as **FLAG DAY** in the City and urge all citizens to pause on this day and recite, with all Americans, the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.



L. C. Jones
Mayor