



**Meeting Minutes  
South Norfolk Revitalization Commission  
May 19, 2022  
ForKids, inc.**

**ROLL CALL**

**SNRC Members Present:** Chair Benjamin Miner, Pamela Brandy, Seth Belkin, Sharon Johnson Clayton, Victoria Josue, Joseph D. Miles

**SNRC Members Absent:** Holly Wilcox Hurdle, Grady Palmer, Janell Wilson,

**Staff:** Marvin Hodges, Planner II – Planning Department; Mark Woodward, Planning Administrator – Planning Department; James McNamara, Planning Director – Planning Department; Steven Wright, Economic Development Director – Economic Development

Chair B. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Approval of April 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes, motion to approve minutes made by V. Josue and seconded by S. Belkin, all members present voting for approval as presented.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Miner opened with an introduction of S. Wright to the Commission and opened the floor for his presentation.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Economic Development rep. introduction and collaborative discussion**

S. Wright presented his background in Planning and Economic Development providing context for his work history and how it related to the City's creation of the TIF fund. S. Wright then continued explaining what a TIF fund is and how it functions with the City of Chesapeake and South Norfolk respectively. S. Wright clarified the role of Economic Development in vetting what projects qualify to be TIF funded.

Chair Miner engaged in conversation about Commission's desire for a bank in the South Norfolk district. S. Wright explained Economic Development's trial in attempts to procure a bank as well as other amenities in the district, and the difficulties therein.

V. Josue question regarding satellite bank inside of Municipal Building and clarification on what the funding status for said project is.

Vice Chair Brandy asked for clarification on what may qualify for TIF funding, including but not limited to amenities for Senior residents of South Norfolk, S. Wright replied stating a formal plan must be submitted to avoid conjecture.

S. Wright explanation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) breaking down the funding as of now, but maintains further research would need to be done to assure the validity of numbers projected during the meeting by V. Josue. Conversation ultimately closing with question by Vice Chair Brandy asking staff for the Ordinance on the TIF from Council.

**Election of Secretary (vote required)**

S. Belkin volunteered to serve as Secretary. All members present voting to approve unanimously. There was discussion regarding the Secretary's role as a note taker, minutes keeper and notifier of the Commission.

**Review of SNRC internal and external deliverables**

Chair Miner presentation to Commission of the drafted Mayoral email detailing concerns of the Commission and potential strategies to combat said concerns, including a Bank, Food Access, Abandoned Properties, and Healthcare.

V. Josue maintained during the discussion that the Municipal Building's creation could function as the primary answer to the Chair's sourced list to the Mayor's office.

Planning Director McNamara reported that the incorrect programming of the past draft for the Municipal Building has stalled its development, but that work is continuing.

**Bylaws Review and Approval (vote required)**

Continued to be discussed for June agenda.

**Open Forum**

Chair Miner referred to instances of violent shootings in the neighborhood at top of mind for safety concerns within the neighborhood. He went on to mention Mary Riley's 10 years of service to the Commission and the hopes of providing a token of appreciation to her on behalf of the Commission.

Vice Chair Brandy question about the plans for a gas pipeline extension and whether it was staying in the same footprint or encroaching further into South Norfolk.

V. Josue reported on resurfacing on streets and pavement on Bainbridge Boulevard and events for the 4 of July food trucks in the district.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion to adjourn made by V. Josue, seconded by S. Belkin, with all members present voting for.***

Meeting adjourned by B. Miner at 7:42 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_**