

1 **City of New Bern**
2 **Redevelopment Commission Meeting**
3 **Wednesday, January 8, 2020- 6PM**
4 **Development Services**
5 **303 First Street, New Bern, NC**
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7 **Members Present:** Chair Tharesa Lee, Co-Chair Jaimee Bullock-Mosley, Steve Strickland, Kip
8 Peregoy, Leander “Robbie” Morgan, Maria Cho, John Young, Beth Walker

9 **Ex-Officio Members Present:** Alderwoman Sabrina Bengel

10 **Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):** Tabari Wallace (A)

11 **Staff Present:** Jeff Ruggieri, Director of Development Services; Amanda Ohlensehlen,
12 Community and Economic Development Manager; D’Aja Fulmore, Community Development
13 Coordinator

14 **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

15 Chair Tharesa Lee called the public hearing to order at 6:00pm.

16 **2. Approval of Minutes**

17 No minutes were presented to be approved at this meeting.

18 **3. Public Comment**

19 No comments were received.
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21 **4. Redevelopment Commission Discussion on 1/7/2020 Planning and Zoning Board**
22 **Redevelopment Plan Recommendation**

23 Chair Tharesa Lee opened this part of the meeting by first reminding everyone to be thankful for
24 public process. Chair Lee told commissioners to remember the Commission’s guiding principles
25 throughout their discussion. Jeff Ruggieri, director of Development Services, told commissioners
26 that the Board of Aldermen meeting on February 11th will be the date of approval or disapproval
27 of the Redevelopment Plan. As commissioners began to discuss the Planning and Zoning Board
28 meeting that took place, Co-Chair Jaimee Bullock highlighted that all board members were
29 present and most community members were in opposition of the extension of 3rd Avenue. Co-
30 Chair Bullock invited commissioners to discuss community feelings centered around not being
31 heard. Commissioner Steve Strickland told commissioners that he also felt everyone should be
32 careful not to be inconsiderate to what the community is feeling. Commissioner John Young and
33 Co-Chair Bullock both agreed that the commission should explore ways to better communicate
34 with the community so that citizens do not feel disconnected from what future plans are.
35 Commissioner Robbie Morgan suggested that it would be great to meet with some of the
36 community leaders of different groups to build healthy relationships and establish trust.

37 Commissioners continued to discuss community feelings and ways to establish better
38 communication. Commissioner Kip Peregoy made a suggestion that the Commission review
39 each goal of the plan throughout the year and invite the public to be a part of listening and giving
40 input. All commissioners supported this suggestion.

41 **5. Additional Findings required by NCGS 160A-513(g)**

42 There were no questions presented by the Commission about the statute. Commissioner Peregoy
43 made a motion that the Redevelopment Plan was consistent with the requirements of the NCGS
44 160A-513(g) Statute. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cho. All commissioners
45 agreed and voted unanimously. There was no discussion.

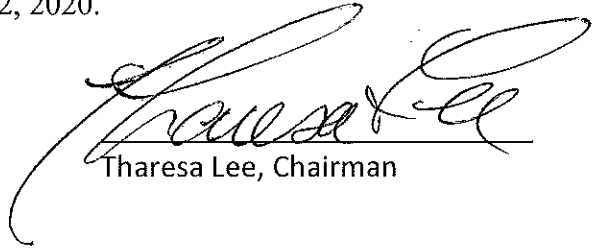
46 **Adjournment**

47 There being no future business to discuss, Chairman Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm. A
48 work session will follow in two weeks on January 22, 2020.

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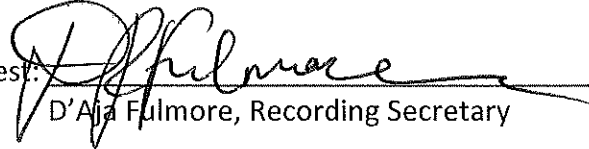
50 Date approved: 5/12/2020

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Theresa Lee, Chairman

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54 D'Aja Fulmore, Recording Secretary

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