

**City of New Bern**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**May 11, 2022- 6PM**  
**303 First Street- Development Services**

**Members Present:** Chair Tharesa Lee, Co-Chair Kip Peregoy Steve Strickland, Tabari Wallace, Stephanie Lovick, Beth Walker, Tabari Wallace, Leander Morgan

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Alderwoman Sabrina Bengel, Alderwoman Jameesha Harris

**Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):** Julius Parham (E)

**Staff Present:** Alice Wilson, GIS Manager; D'Aja Fulmore, Community Development Coordinator

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Tharesa Lee called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

**4. Working Groups Updates**

*Housing:*

Co-Chair Kip Peregoy stated the housing group has been meeting and identifying lots in the Redevelopment Area for potential purchase. Additionally, Co-Chair Peregoy stated Dr. Caldwell has been sending reports on what was collected from the community charette regarding new housing design options and the housing group has been reviewing these reports. Co-Chair Peregoy mentioned meeting with the NC State School of Design students and the presentation of their designs for homes in the Duffyfield community, with some of those designs appearing more modern and very expensive.

### *Neighborhood:*

Commissioner Leander Morgan discussed details of a tour of the Redevelopment Area with the Assistant City Manager. Commissioner Morgan identified overgrown lots on Eubanks and Main Street, along with several others that will be a part of Phase I of the neighborhood cleanup. Commissioner Morgan stated that the neighborhood cleanup will be conducted through 3 phases.

### **5. Consider Making a Recommendation for 803 Pavie Avenue**

Ms. Susan Barber, president of the Christian Pound Burial Society, stated that their organization is seeking to purchase 803 Pavie Avenue for additional parking and event space for community activities.

Commissioner Leander Morgan made a motion to recommend the Board of Aldermen initiate the upset bid process for the sale of 803 Pavie Avenue.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Beth Walker.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

### **6. Consider Making a Recommendation for 612 Second Avenue**

Mr. Mark Roberts stood to address the Commission on behalf of Rise Up New Bern, LLC. Mr. Roberts stated that 612 Second Avenue would expand their current lot size for parking.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to recommend the Board of Aldermen initiate the upset bid process for the sale of 612 Second Avenue.

This motion was seconded by Co-Chair Kip Peregoy

The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

### **7. Health/Wellness Community Presentation**

Commissioner Wallace stood to give the Health and Wellness community presentation for the property located 908 Bloomfield Street. Commissioner Wallace thanked all involved partners and provided the Commission with a handout on services to be provided at the health center. Commissioner Wallace discussed the type of health screenings that would be offered at the center, along with blood draws that could be conducted on-site and transported to the Craven County Health Department. Commissioner Wallace will make a presentation to the Board of Aldermen on June 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the 908 Bloomfield property and its intended use.

Ms. Margaret Shields, grant writer for the City of New Bern, suggested a search for funding for COVID support services at the health center.

**8. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Co-Chair Peregoy. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Tripp.

This motion carried unanimously (8-0).

This meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

June 8, 2022

  
Recording Secretary

  
Chairman