



**MINUTES
WATAUGA IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016
3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Reyna called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Watauga City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, with the following persons present:

Marcia Reyna	Chairperson, City Employee, Place 5
Sandra Gibson	Secretary, Finance Representative, Place 1
Andy Ivey Jr.	City Employee Representative, Place 4
Heidi Tank-Holland	WPD Representative, Place 2
Rick DeVoss	Member, Place 7

and

Stephanie Flores, Vice Chairperson, Place 3 and
Leigh Ann Boardman, Member, Place 6 absent with notice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING ON

1. July 20, 2016

Secretary Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Committee meeting on July 20, 2016. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes:	Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays:	None
Absent:	Boardman, Flores

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on approving 7932 Berry Brook Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Secretary Gibson made a motion to not approve 7932 Berry Brook Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member DeVoss seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

2. Discussion and action on approving 6524 Brookside Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Member DeVoss made a motion to approve 6524 Brookside Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on approving 6545 Old Mill Circle for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Secretary Gibson made a motion to approve 6545 Old Mill Circle for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

2. Discussion and action on approving 6001 Blue Ridge Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Secretary Gibson made a motion to approve 6001 Blue Ridge Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

3. Discussion and action on conditionally approving 6604 Avalon Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Secretary Gibson made a motion to conditionally approve 6604 Avalon Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member DeVoss seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

4. Discussion and action on conditionally approving 6713 McCoy Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Member DeVoss made a motion to conditionally approve 6713 McCoy Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Secretary Gibson seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

5. Discussion and action on conditionally approving 7508 Clover Lane for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Member Holland made a motion to take no action on conditionally approving 7508 Clover Lane for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

6. Discussion and action on conditionally approving 5637 Bonnie Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

Secretary Gibson made a motion to conditionally approve 5637 Bonnie Drive for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. Member Ivey seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

7. Discussion and action on rating the following properties for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program
 - a. 6524 Brookside Drive
 - b. 7932 Berry Brook Drive
 - c. 6545 Old Mill Circle
 - d. 6001 Blue Ridge Drive

Member DeVoss made a motion to rate the following properties for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program as:

- a. 6524 Brookside Drive – Rating 1
- b. 7932 Berry Brook Drive – no action
- c. 6545 Old Mill Circle – Rating 2
- d. 6001 Blue Ridge Drive – Rating 1

Secretary Gibson seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ayes: Gibson, Reyna, DeVoss, Ivey, Holland
Nays: None
Absent: Boardman, Flores

8. Discussion on Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program revitalization efforts

Chairperson Reyna mentioned there is a tentative WIN meeting scheduled for September 7th. Currently there are six homes that are eligible and approved for the program. Mr. Rodney Gattis from 6Stones stated that it would be ideal if the City had ten properties for the October blitz. The fall blitz will be October 21-22, 2016. Mr. Gattis stated that Lockheed will be doing seven houses during the fall blitz and that 121 Church will have 150 men volunteering for after blitz work. Member DeVoss asked what process would be for having 7508 Clover Lane approved for the blitz since it was not approved during the course of the meeting. This property will be put on the next agenda for conditional approval. Randy Richards stated that if this home is conditionally approved, the property would be eligible for the next blitz since the City would have to wait for financial documents. There was some discussion from committee members regarding the process of conditionally approving and approving homes. There was discussion regarding the property at 5749 Bonnie Drive and the possibility of bringing that property back to the committee for review.

Randy Richards stated that there are on-going efforts to grow the program and volunteers. He also mentioned that it will be requested that each City department have two staff members volunteer for the program. The fall blitz kick-off will be at Hills Church on October 21, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss at this time, Chairperson Reyna declared the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

APPROVED: this 7th day of September 2016

SIGNED: this 7th day of September 2016

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APPROVED:



Marcia Reyna, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Sandra Gibson, Secretary