

**City of Camden
Planning Commission
August 15, 2023**

Minutes

The City of Camden Planning Commission met for a regular meeting on August 15, 2023 at 6:15 PM. Commission members present were Mr. Johnny Deal, Chair; Mr. Mark Chickering, Ms. Connie Davis Rouse, Mr. Travis Hall, Mr. Brandon Moore, Mr. Charles Wood and Mr. Shawn Putnam, Secretary. Commission member Mr. Greg Youngmans was absent.

Mr. Deal called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the July 18 meeting. Mr. Hall made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion of five-year update to Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Putnam explained that the drafts of the five-year update to the Comprehensive Plan were complete and that the population and housing sections would be reviewed at this meeting. Mr. Putnam then presented the changes to the population section, which included updates to various demographic data based on the 2020 Census. Among other data, the document shows that the population of Camden grew between 2010 and 2020 and is projected to continue growing into the future.

Following discussion of the population section, Mr. Putnam gave a presentation on updates to the housing section. These updates included updating information on number and type of housing units, number of building permits issued, trends related to growth of the housing stock, and the continued challenge of providing affordable housing in the city.

Following discussion of the housing section, Mr. Putnam noted that the update includes a new section on resiliency, and this section would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Before adjourning, Mr. Deal noted that this was the final meeting for Mr. Moore as member of the Commission and thanked him for his service to the city.

There being no further business, Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Shawn Putnam
Secretary

Johnny Deal
Chair