

**Minutes
Newton Planning Commission
January 24, 2012
Council Chambers
City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Newton Planning Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Members

Present: Jim Granny
Donnie Setzer
Mark Stalnaker
Stan Gabriel
Ken Simmons
Jim Smith
Melinda Travis

Members

Absent:

Staff Present:

Alex Fulbright, AICP, Assistant Planning Director
Max Sigler, Planner
Rob Powell, Community Development Coordinator

Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Consideration of Minutes December 14, 2011 Meeting

Chairman Simmons asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting. There being no corrections or additions, **Chairman Simmons** ruled that the minutes were approved as presented.

Item 3: B-1 Public Information Meeting

Chairman Simmons recognized **Mr. Fulbright** who explained that this was a public information meeting and not a public hearing. He explained the history of the North Rankin Avenue and East 20th Street Area. He talked about the existing zoning in the area and explained

the changes proposed by the Planning Commission. He discussed what impact the changes would have in terms of landuses that would be permitted.

Mr. Fulbright was asked, "Can I build my house back if it was destroyed?" to which he answered that would be allowed provided that the setbacks were met. He was also asked about the impact of the change on tax value to which he answered that he would have to talk with the Catawba County Tax Office. It was the consensus that the residents in attendance that the proposed changes were acceptable.

Item 4: New Business

None

Item 6: Reports

None

Item 7: Training

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex S. Fulbright/AICP
Recording Secretary