

**Morristown Board of Zoning Appeals
August 10, 2021**

Members Present

Chairman Ventrus Norfolk
Vice-Chairman Bill Thompson
Secretary Robert (Bob) Garrett
Mayor Gary Chesney
Board Member Frank McGuffin
Board Member Wanda Neal

Others Present

Steve Neilson, Development Director
Lori Matthews, Senior Planner
Josh Cole, Planner
Tina Allison, Admin. Assistant
Tristan Hopkins
Ritchie Broyles
Sonya Moore
Alan Barnard
Ida Carpenter
Andrea Hall

Members Absent

Board Member Jack Kennerly

Chairman Ventrus Norfolk called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of March 9th, 2021 minutes:

Board Member Frank McGuffin made a motion for approval of the March 9th, 2021 minutes seconded by Board Member Jack Kennerly.

Upon voice votes, all Ayes. Motion Carries.

II. Old Business:

None

III. New Business:

**UORV-2531: Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Intermediate Business District
3606 W. Andrew Johnson Highway**

Senior Planner Lori Matthews discussed Groups Recover Together, an outpatient substance abuse treatment center, is locating in the Western Willow Shopping Center in suites 19 and 20. As with all such clinics, they must be certain criteria and gain approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to opening. Requirements include opening the business to clients at least 30 minutes prior to the office opening in the morning to prevent people from standing outside. The office will post a sign stating that no loitering is allowed on the property and sign with states no drugs or medications are stored or distributed on the property. The clinic will also be required to provide to the City contact information in the event of any complaints.

As of the date of this report, the proposed business has not finished moving into the property. The contact information has been provided; however, none of the remaining requirements have been met.

Staff asked that the Board of Zoning Appeals approval this request contingent on the applicant meeting all the review criteria.

Discussion followed.

Sonya Moore spoke in opposition of approval.

Ida Carpenter and Andrea Hall, employees of Groups Recover Together, spoke in favor of approval.

Mayor Gary Chesney made a motion to approve the use on review contingent upon the applicant meeting all zoning criteria for substance abuse treatment facilities seconded by Board Member Frank McGuffin.

Voting results: 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Passed.

No further business, meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Garrett, Secretary

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