

**City of New Bern
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
January 23, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
Developmental Services Conference Room
303 First Street**

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2 **Members Present:** Chair Tharesa Lee, Kip Peregoy, Beth Walker, Steve Strickland, Co-
3 Chair Jaimee Bullock-Mosley, John Young, Maria Cho, Tabari Wallace, Leander "Robbie"
4 Morgan, Jr.

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6 **Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Alderman Sabrina Bengel

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8 **Staff Present:** Jeff Ruggieri, Development Services Director; Amanda Ohlensehlen,
9 Community and Economic Development Director; Bradleigh Sceviour, Planner II; Alice
10 Wilson, GIS.

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12 **Others Present:** Jennifer Campbell, recording secretary.

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14 **1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

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16 Chair Tharesa Lee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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18 **2. SWEARING IN OF REMAINING REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF NEW**
19 **BERN BOARD MEMBERS**

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21 A Staff Member was not on hand to swear in new Commission Member Tabari Wallace.
22 He will be sworn in at a later time.

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24 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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26 The minutes for the January 9, 2019 Redevelopment Commission meeting were
27 presented for review and approval. Minor spelling and grammatical changes were made
28 to lines 161, 162, and 182-183. **Co-Chair Jaimee Bullock-Mosley made a motion to**
29 **approve the minutes as amended.** Commission Member Steve Strickland seconded
30 the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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32 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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34 No public comment was made

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36 **5. COMMISSION VISIONING EXERCISE**

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38 Staff Member Jeff Ruggieri introduced the meeting's exercise, which was to begin the
39 process of creating a Redevelopment Plan. Included in this process was the Choice
40 Neighborhood Initiative Plan and The Greater Five Points Transformation Plan (CNI

41 Plan). Mr. Ruggieri highlighted the Keys to Success from the CNI Plan and read through
42 each.

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44 Keys of Success that came out of The Greater Five Points Plan

- 45 - Empower the community
- 46 - Invest in children
- 47 - Realize economic potential
- 48 - Expand housing opportunities
- 49 - Improve neighborhood connections
- 50 - Encourage community wellness

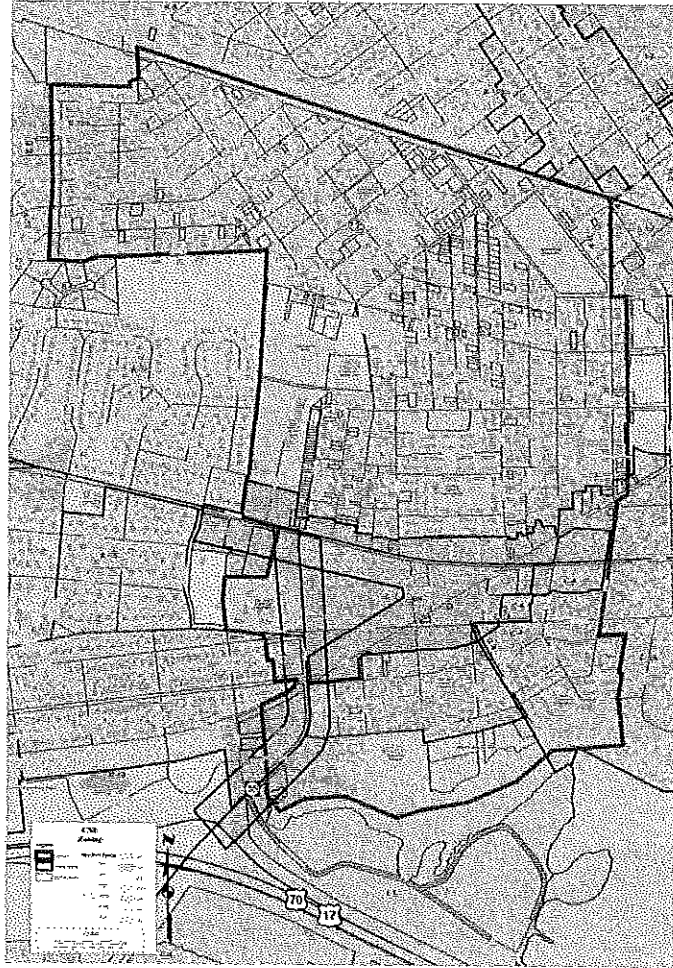
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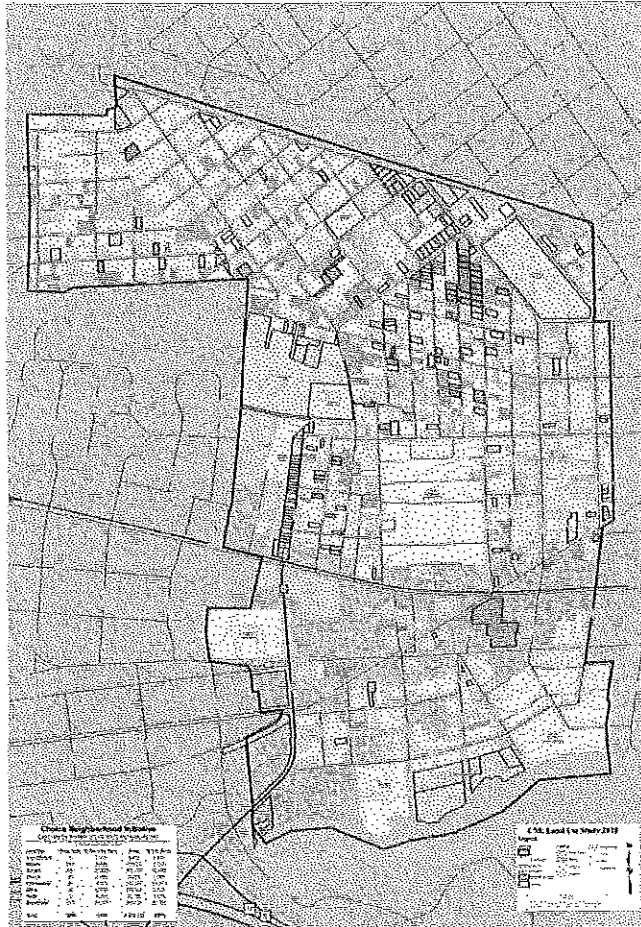
52 Mr. Ruggieri then began to give an overview of the materials and handouts and how they
53 were to be used for the exercise. The Commission was presented with three maps from
54 the CNI Plan. The three maps were identified as: Condition of Buildings, Zoning, and Land
55 use. The Commission members were advised to record any ideas from group discussions
56 by marking them on the map or recording them on paper.

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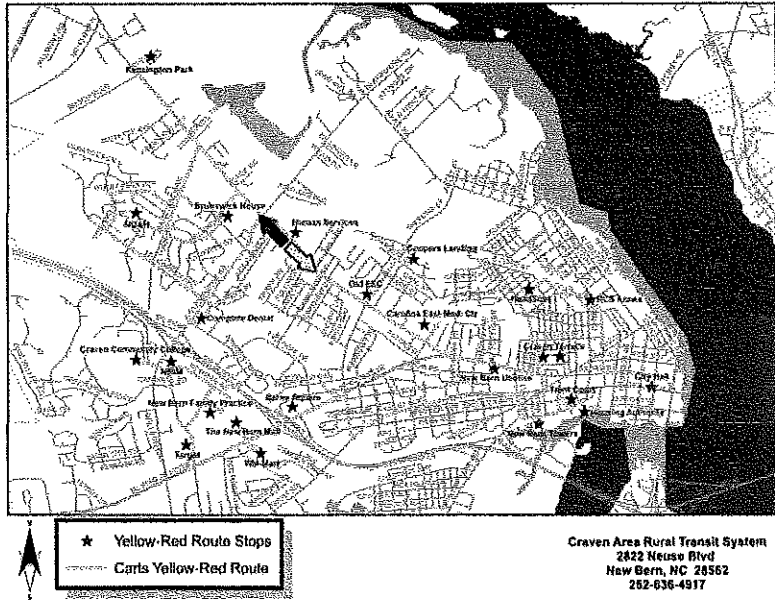




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62 Mr. Ruggieri advised the Commission Members to focus on different aspects of housing,
63 transportation plans, including bus stops, street logistics and aesthetics, infrastructure,
64 and zoning standards, as they begin to record ideas.

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66 In response to a question, Mr. Ruggieri, and Commission Member Leander “Robbie”
67 Morgan, Jr. provided an update on the Stanley White Recreation Center. They advised
68 that the New Bern Board of Alderman made the decision to rebuild the center on its’
69 current site.

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71 Another query was presented as to an overview of the Craven Area Rural Transit System
72 (CARTS). The overview included details such as the CARTS fixed route around the city,
73 costs, funding, signage for CARTS fixed stops, and logistics for riders making requests
74 to be picked up and dropped off at specific locations. It was suggested to ask a CARTS
75 representative to attend a future meeting



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Conversation continued about transportation and the percentage of residents with a driver's license within the CNI boundary. It was stated that the percentage was 50% of residents currently held a driver's license within the boundary area. The members then moved into groups and began to examine each map and process ideas for the Redevelopment Plan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Lee stated that the next meeting would be held two weeks from today. At that time the Commission will have a chance to further discuss any ideas that were recorded tonight and continue the process of vision casting for the Redevelopment Plan.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lee adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Date Approved: 2/13/19

Theresa Lee
Theresa Lee, Chairman

Attest: *Jennifer Campbell*
Jennifer Campbell, Recording Secretary