



**Southport Redevelopment  
Commission**  
Unlimited Term

Mayoral Appointment

Rick Petrecca – President  
OPEN – Vice President  
Cassidy Parker –  
Commissioner

Council Appointment

Heather Newport –  
Commissioner  
Evan Dant – Secretary

MINUTES  
July 14, 2025

The meeting of the Southport Redevelopment Commission was called to order by Rick Petrecca at 7:00pm.

A quorum was present that included Rick Petrecca, Evan Dant, Heather Newport, and Cassidy Parker.

Parker questioned the use of the term lightweight brick veneer used to describe NewBrick in the June 18, 2025 minutes. Dant advised this is how the product is described on Dryvit's website. Parker made a motion to approve as presented the minutes of the June 6, 2025 and June 18, 2025 meetings. Newport seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Parker confirmed ArcGIS subscription includes online access and Pro which is a desktop software. ArcGIS rep doesn't foresee any increase to the \$700.00 subscription cost in the next year. Newport questioned if we are ready to use ArcGIS software if purchased stating we have taken no action on items discussed during special session 3 months ago. Parker and Petrecca argued that the software is a tool that is necessary for planning next steps and being able to accurately present our vision to the community. Parker made a motion to approve purchasing ArcGIS software. Dant seconded the motion but reiterated that if the software is purchased that we need to utilize it in the immediate term. The motion was approved with 3 aye votes from Petrecca, Parker, and Dant and 1 nay vote from Newport.

Petrecca stated he met with Tyler Ridge of The Ridge Group and discussed non-conforming items. Tyler is going to pull some things together and get us some options on what direction we'd like to go with the solutions. Tyler Ridge indicated TRG is in talks with the owner of the antique mall to acquire the property for what they are referring to as phase 2 of The Jacob project. Newport stated she does not want more apartments and believes TRG's phase 2 plans go against what the Commission previously discussed in our vision. Petrecca and Parker made the point that we have limited control over what is done with the antique mall as we do not own the property and it's best if we get in front of any potential redevelopment and stay open to meeting with the interested parties. Ribbon cutting for phase 1 is soon and we will be given notice once date is confirmed.

Petrecca stated he spoke to the realtor who is selling the Chase Bank building. They had an offer, that fell through, to sell to a company that was going to lease to a dental practice. Dental practice now in direct talks to purchase the building.

Newport made a motion to adjourn and Dant seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evan Dant, RDC Secretary