

Appearance Commission Meeting

January 4, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Sandy Foutch, Allison Klepchick, and Nora Cambier

Members Absent: Kim Murray and Linda Tracy

Staff Present: Patrick Reidy, Planner

Guests: Mayor Gray, Commissioner Jason Joyner, Commissioner Ben Carroll, and Sheree Hedrick

1. Meeting Called to Order & Welcome

Patrick Reidy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established per the bylaws.

2. Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda

Nora Cambier made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Allison Klepchick. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Nora Cambier made a motion to approve the November 2, 2015 meeting minutes with an adjustment to include the suggestion of removing the dead palm trees at the Subway shopping center as part of the beautification efforts. The motion was seconded by Foutch. The vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments:

No public comments were given.

5. Discussion, Consideration, and Action on the Following Items:

A. EDC Art Walk

Patrick Reidy presented a draft outline of proposed ideas for the Art Walk on May 14th. Members suggested the following changes to the event outline:

- Invite Wendell artists as participants including: Sidney Baynes, Melonie Wood, Peggy Lee Mead, Lynette Pair, Bill Gardner, Kirby Carpenter, Susan Brabeau, Wendy York, art teachers from all of the Wendell schools, Sallie Phipps, and Neal Conolly.

- Move the event start time from 12pm to 8am.
- Let artists choose they location when they submit their application.
- Change the art being raffled to a silent auction hosted at Wine 101 as part of an artist's reception.
 - Offer a 50/50 split of the winning bid to each of the artists.
- Do not provide a small stipend to help cover the cost of supplies for artists.
- Use the name "Art Walk" for the event.
- Keep all artists in the downtown area for this year.
- Don't have the EDC do a raffle ticket similar to what was done with the Evening with Santa.

B. Downtown Façade Grant Applications Review

Patrick Reidy presented one façade grant application for 11 and 13 W. Fourth Street. The application was for the addition of a fabric metal awning to the front facade.

Nora Cambier made a motion to approve the façade grant. Allison Klepchick seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

6. Chairwoman, Board Members, and Guests' Comments

Allison Klepchick and Ben Carroll proposed a fundraiser to benefit the Appearance Commission. They stated that they are planning a black tie gala to be held at the Oaklee Distillery on March 5th. The cost of the ticket would be \$75 each and the main draw to the event would be \$2,000 to the winner of a reverse raffle. The ticket cost also covers a cocktail hour, dinner, and DJ. A silent auction will be held as well including a one year membership to the Wendell Country Club as well as his and her baskets. Patrick Reidy said he would reach out to Wendell Falls about donating a pool membership. Members were in support of the event. It was suggested by Mayor Gray to reach out to Rey's Restaurant in Cary about catering the event since the owner is a Wendell resident.

Allison and Ben will continue to plan the event and welcome anyone else who would like to help plan the event.

7. Adjourn

Nora Cambier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Tracy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.