

Appearance Commission Meeting

July 6, 2015

Minutes

Members Present: Nora Cambier, Sandy Foutch, Ben Carroll, Allison Klepchick, and Linda Tracy

Members Absent: Kim Murray

Staff Present: Patrick Reidy, Planner

Guests: Lee Batson and Commissioner Gray

1. Meeting Called to Order & Welcome

Patrick Reidy called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Linda Tracy. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Linda Tracy made a motion to approve the June 1, 2015 minutes with the change that Nora was absent from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Carroll. The vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

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

A. New and current member introductions

Patrick Reidy asked that everyone provide a brief introduction about their selves so that other members who know who was on the board and their backgrounds. He also asked that everyone provide at least one personal goal for the upcoming year.

B. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Patrick Reidy stated that each July, elections are required to select a chairman and vice

chairman. He asked for nominations for chairman. Sandy Foutch was nominated to serve again as chairman by Nora Cambier and it seconded by Linda Tracy. Sandy accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Sandy Foutch nominated Allison Klepchick for vice chairman and it was seconded by Ben Carroll. After much deliberation, Allison accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Since only one person was nominated for each position, a ballot vote was deemed unnecessary. By a vote of 5-0, Sandy Foutch was re-elected as Chairman and Allison Klepchick was elected as Vice Chairman.

C. Wendell Mural – New Mural Ideas

Ben Carroll shared that he would like to see a second mural painted quickly to keep momentum rolling for the group. He suggested using a wall on town hall for a quick, cheap, and simple mural. His idea was to use a cream background with a Wendell blue border and have an outline of North Carolina in Wendell green with “Wendell” painted in blue across the state. It was suggested that a raised star be used to mark the location of Wendell.

After discussing the mural, the members and guests walked around the outside of town hall to view potential locations for the mural. After walking the site, and to the objection of Nora Cambier, the members said their first priority would be the wall along Pine Street outside of the court room.

Sandy Foutch volunteered to start working on a sketch for the Appearance Commission members to give their feedback.

D. Wendell Mailbox Garden Contest

Patrick Reidy passed around flyers that were created for the mailbox garden contest that was suggested at the June meeting. Ben Carroll offered for his company to provide the winning money and Broach Custom signs agreed to provide free yard signs to the winners.

Sandy Foutch made a motion for the Appearance Commission to sponsor the contest and Ben Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

E. Downtown Façade Grant Application Review

Patrick Reidy presented a façade grant application for 402 Old Wilson Road for a new awning and painting. Linda Tracy made a motion to recommend approval of the façade grant to the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Ben Carroll and passed by a vote of 5-0.

F. Harvest Festival Ideas

Patrick Reidy asked that the members begin brainstorming for ideas for the Harvest Festival booth. Sandy Foutch suggested that the group use the spin wheel again for

people to win items that were donated by businesses. She wanted to make one wheel for adults and one for children. It was suggested that one giant wheel be made that would have options for adults and children on the same wheel in order to maximize the amount of space in the booth. Sandy said she would begin investigating that option.

Lee Batson said that she would donate dog treats to the group if she is feeling up to it at that time.

Members also supported the idea of doing another his and her raffle gift basket. It was suggested that members start reaching out to business to find big ticket items for those baskets. Those items do not have to be from only Wendell businesses.

Lastly, it was suggested that the mural prints be sold at the booth. It was agreed that the prints should be \$25 each. Patrick was asked to reach out to Peggy to see if she would be willing to sign mural prints for 1 or 2 hours for donations.

Allison volunteered to sale the mural prints at her hair salon to see how easy they would be to sale. It was agreed to get a new batch of prints made and deliver them to Allison as quickly as possible. Patrick said he would take care of it and would also work on creating an order form for pre-sales so that the Commission wouldn't be responsible for fronting the money for the prints.

6. Chairwoman, Board Members, and Guests' Comments

Ben Carroll stated that he and his father-in-law purchased a mule and it was available to be the town mascot if desired.

Lee Batson mentioned that she would like to see the town work towards a long range goal of creating a splash pad park for families to use.

No other comments were given.

7. Adjourn

Sandy Foutch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Tracy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.