

# **Appearance Commission Meeting**

## **March 2, 2015**

### **Minutes**

**Members Present:** Nora Cambier, Sandy Foutch, Ben Carroll, Kirby Guinn, and Linda Tracy

**Members Absent:** Lee Batson (excused)

**Staff Present:** Patrick Reidy, Planner

**Guests:** Commissioner Virginia Gray, Peggy Lee Mead, Lesia McKenzie, Megan Bostic, and East Wake High School art student

#### **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**

Sandy Foutch made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was Linda Tracy. The vote was unanimous.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Sandy Foutch made a motion to approve the February 2, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Tracy. The vote was unanimous.

#### **4. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

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

##### **A. Wendell Mural Final Draft and Work Coordination**

Peggy Lee Mead unveiled her final draft concept of the train themed mural for 100 W. Third Street. The Appearance Commission members are very pleased with the sketch.

There was a question about the 1903 date listed on the sign. Nora Cambier was concerned that people may be confused by the outfits of the people in the mural and think it was meant that the time period was 1903. After discussion, the majority decided to change the sign to put "Establish 1903" to avoid any potential confusion.

Another question was if the mural should feature any men. Peggy indicated that the conductor on the train could be made more visible.

Megan Bostic, the Visual Arts Teacher and Art Club Advisor for East Wake High School was also in attendance and stated that she had six students who were going to work on the mural. Peggy will outline the mural on the wall and the students will work on nights and weekends to paint the mural.

Sandy and Ben said they would help prep the wall for the mural. Patrick stated that the town can spray for fire ants so that no one should have to encounter them while working on site.

Patrick volunteered to reach out to sign companies to get quotes for the sign on the mural, as well as reach out to the building owner about storing paint and supplies in her building. He will report back at the next meeting.

It was asked if there would need to be any type of liability insurance since students would be working near the road. Patrick said he would follow up with the Town Manager and Town Attorney to get their input on the topic.

## **B. Economic Development Committee/Appearance Commission Joint Effort for Downtown Beautification**

At the request of Sandy Foutch, Lesia McKenzie of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) was in attendance. She spoke to the group to see if there was any renewed interest in created a small group between the EDC and Appearance commission that could help business owners figure out a way to improve their storefront displays.

Lesia's idea is to have a couple members from each group (or even other citizens) come together who have an interest in helping downtown businesses design an improved storefront. The free service would help a business owner with possible ideas to help make stores more inviting for customers and give a fresh look. The group would approach all the business owners and ask if they wanted to be involved. If any were, they group could figure out a budget for improvements and help the store owner acquire the items. Items could range from outdoor furniture, planters, indoor furniture, or window displays.

Many of the Appearance Commission members said they interested in joining the group. Lesia said she would talk with other members of the EDC and other citizens to try to get a group of interested individuals to meet. At that meeting, they would further develop the idea so that it could become a reality. Lesia will follow up with the Appearance Commission at a later date.

## **C. Adopt-A-Highway reminder for March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**

Patrick Reidy reminded the members that the next scheduled Adopt-A-Highway cleanup was scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

## **6. Chairwoman and Board Members' Comments**

No comments were given.

## **7. Adjourn**

Sandy Foutch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Carroll seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.