

Appearance Commission Meeting November 2, 2015 Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick Reidy, Planner

Guests: Commissioner Gray, Sheree Hedrick, and Allison Rice

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

Kim Murray made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sandy Foutch. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Linda Tracy made a motion to approve the October 5, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nora Cambier. 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

Sheree Hedrick and Allison Rice spoke about their idea of having some type of Art Walk in conjunction with the sidewalk sale or bluegrass concert and picnic in early May.

Sheree stated that the Chamber of Commerce hosted an “Arts in the Alley” event in 2003 and the event had success. Patrick brought up that this would be similar to the En Plein Air Art Festival in Fuquay-Varina that was mentioned at a prior meeting by past member Lee Batson.

Sheree said that the upcoming Downtown Open House on December 4th (in conjunction

with the Lighting of the Square) should provide a better sense if businesses are willing to support the Art Walk. She would like for artists of any type to be paired with each participating business similar to what other towns do for “1st Friday” events.

Sheree asked if the Appearance Commission would be interested in taking over the En Plein Air portion of the event if the Economic Development Committee worked with the businesses to stay open and host artists.

All members liked the idea of the Art Walk and it was agreed that Sheree would return to the January meeting to give feedback from the Open House event and work on solidifying details for the Art Walk.

B. Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Patrick Reidy asked members to select an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup date before the end of the year. It was decided to hold a cleanup on November 14th from 8am-10am. Patrick said he would ask Mechanical Trades Carolina if they would be interested in helping again with the cleanup.

C. Beautification Project Ideas for 2016

Patrick Reidy asked the commission members to start brainstorming ideas for the upcoming year. He suggested that finding one small to medium sized project and working on a budget to present to the Board of Commissioners for funding could be a possibility.

Some of the ideas that were suggested by members included: painting another mural in the spring; adding landscaping at the Public Works site; mulching tree beds on Main Street; replacing/adding trees on Main Street and Third Street; applying for WRAL azaleas to be placed near railroad crossing and the median on S. Main Street.

Members also asked about having the rotting wood pallets removed in the alley behind Perry’s Gun Shop and having property owners do better about weed eating around commercial buildings so grass wouldn’t be overgrown right next to buildings. It was also suggested to have the dead palm trees removed at the Subway shopping center.

D. Mailbox Garden Judging

Patrick Reidy stated that three residents entered the inaugural mailbox garden contest. Those entries were: 229 N. Main Street; 19 W. Second Street; and 10 Parrish Court. After pictures of each entry were shown, members selected the winners.

10 Parrish Court was selected as the 1st place winner, 2nd place was awarded to 19 W. Second Street, and 3rd place was awarded to 229 N. Main Street.

6. Chairwoman, Board Members, and Guests’ Comments

No comments were given.

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.