

Appearance Commission Meeting October 5, 2015 Minutes

Members Present: Allison Klepchick, Nora Cambier, and Ben Carroll

Members Absent: Sandy Foutch, Kim Murray, and Linda Tracy

Staff Present: Patrick Reidy, Planner

Guests: Commissioner Gray and Lee Batson

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 Ben Carroll. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ben Carroll made a motion to approve the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Allison Klepchick. The vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments:

Lee Batson expressed concern for the general appearance of areas around town. She specifically asked about Wake County Housing Authority properties on Bobbitt Street and Cook Street and their lack of grass in the front yard. She also asked if any screening could be added along Lake Glad Road in front of the City of Raleigh Public Utilities infrastructure. Patrick Reidy said that he would follow up on the two items.

Commissioner Gray asked if there could be a follow up on the WRAL azaleas giveaway. Patrick said he would have information at the next meeting.

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

A. Downtown Façade Grant Applications Review

Patrick Reidy presented one façade grant application for 14 N. Main Street. The application was for the replacement of a flat metal awning to an angled fabric awning as

well as painting and lighting upgrades.

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

B. Harvest Festival Ideas – Wrap-up discussion

Patrick Reidy stated that approximately \$500 dollars was raised at the Harvest Festival. He stated that even with the quick change of plans to move the festival inside the community center due to rain, the board was able to raise more money than the previous year. It was agreed that the raffles, spin wheel, and mural prints were successful items for raising money. The three raffles were drawn by the members.

Ben Carroll suggested that the group should consider planning a bigger event sponsored by the Appearance Commission that would provide more bang for the buck. He mentioned that Ducks Unlimited hosts their annual banquet that draws in at least \$10,000 in profit. He stated that if the Appearance Commission had a nice event that becomes annual, the community would buy in to the effort and support the cause.

Commissioner Gray mentioned that the community's response to the mural has created a lot of positivity for the board and that the members need to take advantage of the momentum.

Nora Cambier expressed that she wasn't a member of the Appearance Commission to only do fundraising to pay for projects around town. She said that the Town Board should increase the budget to include funding for beautification projects.

Patrick stated that if the members had specific projects for the upcoming year and had a detailed breakdown of expected costs; it would increase the likelihood of getting a project funded through the town board.

He asked all of members to come back to the November meeting with two projects of small to medium scale that each member wanted to see completed. At the November meeting, the projects should be prioritized and funding options could be discussed afterwards.

6. Chairwoman, Board Members, and Guests' Comments

No comments were given.

7. Adjourn

Nora Cambier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Carroll seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.