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P - Jonathan Taft

Community Appearance Commission SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES (ADOPTED)

Thursday, February 27, 2020 5:30 PM Municipal Building Conference Room 102 201 W. Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27835

1. 5:30 Call to Order – Dr. Wooten called the meeting to order.

- 2. Roll Call
 - P William Wooten III, Chair P Lettie Micheletto
 - P Michael Slocum, Vice-Chair

n, Vice-Chair P – Diane Kulik

- P- Brian Barnett
- P Kellie Gonzalez
- (P = Present)

Also Attending:

Tony Parker, Staff Liaison Valerie P. Shiuwegar, City Clerk Rick Smiley, Greenville City Councilman

3. Discussion of the merger of the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) with the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB):

Rick Smiley began the conversation by discussing the reasons for addressing city commissions and boards. He stated he initiated this process because as one who has been on the boards and commissions, he feels there is redundancy and no direction for said commissions and boards. He does not want to see citizens waste their time and would like to see council give boards more guidance and purpose.

General discussion ensued about the current make-up of the CAC and how the CAC charge does not match with the work of the NAB. Members stated they would like the CAC redefined as a commission that can help with overall appearance guidelines for the city.

Dr. Wooten stated that there are ways to optimize the commission. He stated the commission needs to determine their mission. He also envisions the commission with a more coherent advisory role.

Mission of the Greenville Community Appearance Commission: To initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification and appearance.

Members stated they would no longer be willing to serve on the commission as it is defined now, nor would they be willing to be a part of a joint CAC and NAB commission. As per Councilman Smiley's recommendation, they voted on two items:

Taft moved that the CAC will not merge with the NAB, Kulik seconded – vote was unanimous. Taft moved that the CAC not dissolve, Slocum seconded – vote was unanimous.

Commission further discussed the direction they would like to see the CAC go.

Rick Smiley suggested the CAC create a new focus and vision for the commission that is not a rehash of the current status. He also suggested they make a motion to show intent of transformation of the CAC. He stated with their intent he would not need a letter asking for more time. Councilman Smiley would address their intent with the full city council when boards and commissions are next placed on their agenda. He said they would grant CAC a three month extension to craft a new mission statement to present to city council.

Slocum moved that the Community Appearance Commission with finish their intent to transform presentation for city council on or before May 20, 2020 – vote was unanimous.

The next special call meeting will be held on March 11th, at 5:30PM, Municipal Building Conference Room 102, 201 W. Fifth Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Tony Parker, Staff Liaison

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