

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 3, 2013
Greenville, NC

The Community Appearance Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room #337 of City Hall located at 200 West Fifth Street.

Community Appearance Commission Members Present:

Mark Abboud	J. Scott Johnson	Fred Wright
Myron Caspar	Perry Kachroo	
Brenda Diggs, Vice Chair	Diane Kulik	
Lucy Fox	Cora Tyson	

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Joanne Robertson

Staff Present: Corey Barrett, Code Enforcement Officer; Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Wayne Harrison, Planner II; Kevin Heifferon, Public Works; Larry Hopkins, Code Enforcement Officer; and Calvin Mercer, City Council Liaison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APRIL 3, 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Ms. Cora Tyson to approve the added item of elect Chair and Vice Chair to the April 3, 2013 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 6, 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Ms. Cora Tyson to approve the March 6, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Ms. Cora Tyson to elect Ms. Brenda Diggs as Chair of the Community Appearance Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Perry Kachroo and seconded by Ms. Cora Tyson to elect Mr. Scott Johnson as Vice Chair of the Community Appearance Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair should serve until the Fall 2013 election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Barrett: Spring Cleanup is April 27, 2013 with base camp being at the Intergenerational Center. For further information, please contact AJ Basile at 329-4114.

Ms. Diggs: Are there documents to be passed out to inform the public about the day?

Mr. Johnson: There should be a focus citywide to clean up street trash and debris.

Ms. Diggs: Median on Firetower Road is a magnet for debris. Can citizens get in there to clean for Spring Cleanup?

Mr. Heifferon: Medians are dangerous.

Ms. Diggs: There is a reflector post that needs replacing.

Ms. Kulik: Please call traffic services of Public Works to get the reflector post replaced. I will give a Biennial Report at the May 2013 Commission meeting.

Ms. Diggs: On May 4, 2013, the Neighborhood Advisory Board Symposium will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. Seth Laughlin has fliers.

Council Liaison Calvin Mercer thanked Commission members for volunteering their time.

Commission members thanked Calvin Mercer for his newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Appearance Commission on City Website

Ms. Diggs: Are there any comments about the Community Appearance Commission being on the City Website?

Mr. Harrison: Staff can add the Commission to navigation on the Community Development Department's website.

Ms. Tyson: The Community Appearance Commission could have a facebook page.

Mr. Harrison: I will check with the City Attorney.

Motion was made by Mr. Mark Abboud and seconded by Mr. Myron Caspar to find out if it is legal to have a facebook page. Motion carried unanimously.

New Signage – Appearance Awards and Neighborhood Grants

The Commission agreed to use the flower as a background on the appearance award signs.

The Commission agreed to table the neighborhood grant sign until the May 2013 meeting.

Community Appearance Awards: April Nominations and June Biennial Winner Selection Process

Mr. Caspar nominated Bob Dietrich's cherry trees on Student Street between Fifth Street and Johnston Street.

Mr. Abboud: This shows great initiative.

Ms. Fox: I will get some pictures.

Mr. Johnson nominated the AT&T Building and Vitamin Shop on the corner of Arlington Boulevard and Greenville Boulevard.

Mr. Caspar nominated Starlight and the dozens of animals made out of scrap metal on Dickinson Avenue.

Mr. Wright nominated Sup Dogs for putting in the new deck and repaving the lot.

Maintenance of Street Right-of-Ways: Grass and Debris

Ms. Diggs: Mr. Whisnant has reported the right-of-way of 14th Street and Firetower Road.

Mr. Heifferon: This right-of-way is state owned. I will talk to the Department of Transportation about removing silt. There is no interest in beautifying woods.

Ms. Diggs: What about the trash in the woods?

Mr. Heifferon: I can call litter patrol.

Parking in Residential Front and Side Yards – Recommendations for Code Amendments

Motion was made by Ms. Diane Kulik and seconded by Ms. Lucy Fox to table until the May 2013 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt-A-Street

Divine Anointing Church International would like to adopt Concord Drive from Sedgefield to Sedgefield.

No Strings Attached Social Club would like to adopt Farmville Boulevard from 14th Street to Memorial Drive.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Scott Johnson to approve both of the Adopt-A-Street applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Diggs: The Adopt-A-Street program needs more attention and more discussion.

Work Program Discussion – Non-Public Signage on Public Street Right-of-Ways

Mr. Barrett: One temporary sign is allowed.

Ms. Kulik: Bolden Car Dealership on Greenville Boulevard and Evans Street has more than one temporary sign.

Mr. Barrett: Code Enforcement has been on them.

Mr. Johnson: The Commission needs to know the sign ordinance.

Mr. Harrison: Contact Mike Dail at 329-4116.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Harrison: Residential fence ordinance regulations are being worked on with regards to height and type. The City is not ready for a mandatory homeowners association.

Mr. Caspar: There needs to be parking enforcement in TRUNA. University Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative Task Force needs to come up with regulations for parking.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Perry Kachroo for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Harrison
Planner