

## **COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES**

January 9, 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,  
Myron Caspar  
Brenda Diggs, Vice Chair

J. Scott Johnson  
Perry Kachroo  
Diane Kulik

Joanne Robertson  
Cora Tyson  
Fred Wright

### **Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:**

Bill Whisnant, Chair

**Staff Present:** Lt. Richard Allsbrook, Code Enforcement; Cori Barrett, Code Enforcement; Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Wayne Harrison, Planner II; Kinsey Holton, P.E., Public Works; and Larry Hopkins, Code Enforcement

Mr. Harrison: Due to Mr. Whisnant, Chair being absent tonight, Ms. Brenda Diggs, Vice Chair will Chair tonight's meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBER CORA TYSON**

Mr. Harrison: Ms. Cora Tyson has been appointed to serve on the Community Appearance Commission (CAC).

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: JANUARY 9, 2013**

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to approve the January 9, 2013 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 5, 2012**

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to approve the December 5, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Caspar: The third annual tree day is scheduled for February 9, 2013. Trees will be planted this year across from River Park North. This Commission is a sponsor of this event.

Ms. Kulik: How are you advertising?

Mr. Caspar: We are advertising through fliers and a website on Releaf.

Ms. Kulik: East Carolina University (ECU) will put it out off or on campus.

Ms. Tyson: High Schools will help too.

Mr. Abboud: Please place this item on the February meeting agenda for updated information.

Ms. Diggs: There is an update from Lt. Allsbrook.

Lt. Allsbrook: Larry Hopkins has been working with the Paramore property. Asbestos testing will occur on 1/14/13. Family has agreed to take the structure down.

Lt. Allsbrook: There have been three wrecks at Hidden Branches Close since November. The wrecker services not on the rotation list cannot be held responsible for debris. Those on our list have to clean up and may be called to come back and clear debris away.

Mr. Caspar: Is the City still enforcing front yard parking in the Tar River University Neighborhood Association (TRUNA)?

Mr. Barrett: There were 121 tickets issued in the TRUNA neighborhood before Christmas.

Lt. Allsbrook: There are approved services. There is concrete under tires, rock and gravel too.

Mr. Barrett: A property owner can't cover more than 30% of the front yard without approval from Public Works.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Staff Reports**

#### Neighborhood Grants Program

Mr. Laughlin was not present to give requested update.

Ms. Diggs: Four grants were reward in the Spring of 2012. No presentations have been made.

The Commission requested that a report be given to the Commission.

Mr. Harrison said that he would remind Mr. Laughlin that the Commission has requested an update from him for several months.

#### Stormwater Management Report

Kinsey Holton: Stormwater management will comprehensively address surface water within the city through public leadership to protect and preserve the environment and the quality of life in Greenville. Design, construction, maintenance, and management of the physical structures and water courses will be performed in partnership with the community to meet community goals of reducing the risk of flooding and of protecting surface water quality. There is sixty-five miles of open channel systems that go straight to streams.

Ms. Kulik: The Neighborhood Advisory Board could educate residents about stormwater.

Ms. Tyson: Fliers could be handed out to landscapers.

Ms. Diggs: What should be done with pet waste?

Mr. Holton: Put the pet waste in the trash can. If there are any questions, please call me at 329-4350.

### **General Discussion**

#### Signage

Ms. Diggs asked Mr. Harrison to speak on signage.

Mr. Harrison: Sign on premise is a great idea.

Ms. Kulik: A real estate size sign could be placed on those properties with yards.

Mr. Johnson: Could there be a revolving inside plaque? Does it have to be an exterior sign?

Ms. Kulik: More people would see the sign outside.

Mr. Kachroo: Businesses could decide which sign they would want for their business.

Ms. Kulik: A poster sign could be used for windows.

Mr. Harrison: A 24 x 36 sign would not be too big.

Ms. Tyson: I will look into getting signs made up.

#### City of Greenville being recipient of CAC awards

Mr. Harrison: The City of Greenville has been the recipient of two out of the ten awards presented by the Commission. This might not be a good practice giving the award to the City.

Mr. Johnson: I think it is a good idea, because the work the City of Greenville improved the appearance of the community.

Ms. Robertson: I agree. Government money was spent during these economic times.

The Commission decided to defer the item until February so members can decide how to proceed.

#### Community Appearance Awards: January CAC Awards and Nominations

The Commission voted for the Domino's/Masonic Lodge and Wasabi 88 Restaurant to receive the community appearance award.

#### **Public Comment Period**

Mr. Kachroo: What is up with all of the beggars?

Lt. Allsbrook: There are aggressive panhandlers. I can meet with Staff to discuss. Camps are popping up.

Mr. Johnson: Beggars can make up to \$200 per day tax free.

Ms. Diggs: Please check into the biennial awards as to when they should be awarded. I know it is every two years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Harrison  
Planner