

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 4, 2012
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:

Myron Caspar, Chair	Jeffrey Scott Johnson
Brenda Diggs	Bill Whisnant
Perry Kachroo	Fred Wright

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Mark Abboud, Vice Chair Albi McLawhorn Jeffrey O'Neill Joanne Robertson

Staff Present: Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Kevin Heifferon, Building and Grounds Superintendent of Public Works; and Niki Jones, Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APRIL 4, 2012

Mr. Caspar: Let's discuss Tree Preservation for the first item on the agenda..

Motion was made by Mr. Jeffrey Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Fred Wright to approve the April 4, 2012 agenda with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2012

Motion was made by Ms. Brenda Diggs and seconded by Mr. Perry Kachroo to approve the March 7, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MEMBER

Mr. Caspar introduced Mr. Bill Whisnant as the most recently appointed Commission member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

TREE PRESERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Heifferon: I would like to have tree preservation recommendations finalized for the August City Council meeting. Tree preservation began in 2007 and was in the infancy stage. A public meeting occurred in January and another public meeting will be held in May. The Commission is being asked for a resolution of support for the tree preservation recommendations. A lot of effort and care has been put into the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Ms. Diggs: Please e-mail the recommendations to Commission members.

The Commission decided to act on the tree preservation recommendations at the May meeting, so they could review the recommendations prior to making a decision.

NEW BUSINESS

April Community Appearance Commission Awards and New Nominations

The Commission voted for the Province (new construction).

The Commission nominated the City's planting of 61 trees on north side of Regency Boulevard and the Olive Garden.

Public Works Update

Mr. Heifferon: The median on Firetower Road was funded by the NC Department of Transportation. Working in this median is dangerous, so the median is low maintenance for safety reasons. The maintenance work is completed by City employees. There are stringent regulations on line of sight.

Ms. Diggs: How often does the City maintain the Firetower Road median?

Mr. Heifferon: Every 3 to 4 weeks....

Ms. Diggs: There are clumps of grass growing out of dirt.

Mr. Heifferon: I will take a look.

Adopt-a-Street Application

Mr. Jones: ECU Order of Black and Gold has made an application to adopt Heath Street from Tenth to Fifth Street.

Motion was made by Mr. Jeffrey Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Perry Kachroo to approve ECU Order of Black and Gold to adopt Heath Street from Tenth to Fifth Street. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS

Mr. Whisnant: I am impressed with the work of this Commission and the composition of this Commission. I believe there needs to be a residential fence ordinance. Signage is not meeting code and signs are in the right-of-way. Roadside mowing needs to be done. The Commission needs to impact the City positively in appearance.

UPDATES BY STAFF

There were no updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jeffrey Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Fred Wright to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Niki S. Jones
Planner