

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

March 7, 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:

Mark Abboud, Vice Chair	Albi McLawhorn
Myron Caspar, Chair	Joanne Robertson
Brenda Diggs	Fred Wright
Perry Kachroo	

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Jeffrey O'Neill Jeffrey Scott Johnson

Staff Present: A. J. Basile, Code Enforcement Officer; Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Niki Jones, Planner; and Carl Rees, Senior Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MARCH 7, 2012

Mr. Caspar: I would like to move the Community Tree Day agenda item from New Business under the Public Comment Period.

Mr. Jones: An adopt a street application needs to be added at the end of the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Ms. Joanne Robertson to approve the March 7, 2012 agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Joanne Robertson to approve the February 1, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Caspar: On February 11, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in Moyewood, Kevin Heifferon of Public Works and Inez Fridley of Releaf put on a well organized operation for planting trees on Community Tree Day. Volunteers were given their marching orders at 9:30 a.m. and the first tree was planted at 9:31 a.m. Mark Abboud had pecan trees to plant.

Mr. Abboud: There was a sense of pride in the work being done. The little kids had shovels too.

Mr. Caspar: Every tree planted had compost placed around it by Mark and crew.

Mr. Abboud: This was a great neighborhood activity. There are plenty of areas that need trees.

Mr. Rees: I am impressed with this event, and I will get the information to City Council about the Community Tree Day.

Mr. Abboud: Public Works and Recreation and Parks were phenomenal. The crews were pleasant and knowledgeable.

Mr. Caspar: More Commission members need to turn out for next year's event. Does the Commission want Kevin Heifferon to come out and talk about trees?

Mr. McLawhorn: The value of adding trees to build value in real estate. The economic value of adding trees in neighborhoods would be a good perspective to have firsthand and presented to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

March Community Appearance Commission Awards and New Nominations

The Commission voted for the Carolina Ale House.

The Commission nominated the new restaurant on Arlington and Red Banks Road, the Shoe Crate near Lowe's Food, and the Providence.

Spring Clean-Up Discussion

Mr. Basile: The Spring Clean-Up event is getting a late start, because there was confusion over who would be in charge. The dates scheduled for the event are April 21 – April 28, 2012 with the work day being April 21, 2012. Kickoff will take place at the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center. There will be someone there passing out supplies. There will be information about Spring Clean-Up on the website. After

meeting with Sanitation, there is no amnesty period. Advertisements are occurring on GTV-9 and the City Page.

Mr. McLawhorn: What time does it start?

Mr. Basile: The event starts at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Caspar: Will there be any information in the newspaper?

Mr. Basile: No, there is no money.

Mr. McLawhorn: Public service channels can be used.

Mr. Basile: Radio ads will occur.

Mr. McLawhorn: Where are the hot button areas?

Mr. Basile: Kristen Drive, Frontgate and TRUNA are the hot button areas. Furniture that is intact will be picked up. No toilets or water heaters will be picked up.

Public Works Update

Mr. Jones: The median on Firetower Road will be addressed in April. Kevin Heifferon of Public Works said that the Commission cannot take part in tree planting in the median. There is no comparison between the vegetation on Charles Boulevard and the vegetation on Firetower Road. The vegetation on Firetower Road is low maintenance. Public Works is in charge of the median.

Mr. McLawhorn: A design strategy is needed for the medians.

Caspar: On January 10, 2012, a Tree Preservation Forum was held at the library with standing room only. At the meeting, input was collected from interested folks and those comments are going back to the Tree Preservation Committee. Ordinance is on the way to the City Council in the spring.

Adopt-a-Street Application

Mr. Jones: ECU Ambassadors has made an application to adopt 12th Street between Clark and Charles.

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Mr. Perry Kachroo to approve ECU Ambassadors of 12th Street between Clark and Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no subcommittee reports.

UPDATES BY STAFF

There were no updates.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Niki S. Jones
Planner