

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 5, 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,
Myron Caspar
J. Scott Johnson

Perry Kachroo
Diane Kulik
Joanne Robertson

Fred Wright

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Brenda Diggs, Vice Chair

Bill Whisnant, Chair

Staff Present: Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Wayne Harrison, Planner II; and Kevin Heifferon, Public Works

Others Present: Wesley Brown, The Daily Reflector and Calvin Mercer, City Council Liaison

Mr. Harrison: Due to Mr. Whisnant, Chair and Ms. Diggs, Vice Chair being absent tonight, Mr. Myron Caspar will reside as Chair for tonight's meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: DECEMBER 5, 2012

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 30, 2012 AND NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to approve the October 30, 2012 and November 7, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Caspar: Mr. Whisnant is doing well after his surgery.

The Commission sent Mr. Whisnant get well wishes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Reports

Signage for Neighborhood Grants

Mr. Caspar: This item needs further study. When all of the money is not spent what happens to the extra money? The Commission needs a status report on last year's grants.

Mr. Harrison: Seth Laughlin, Planner II, has been given the responsibility of Neighborhood Improvement Grants (NIG). Mr. Laughlin will have to address your questions.

Mr. Caspar: Please ask Mr. Laughlin to attend the next Commission meeting to address these issues.

Mr. Harrison: I will ask Mr. Laughlin to be at the next meeting.

Mr. Caspar: At the November 7, 2012, Seth Laughlin told the Commission that he would give a report at tonight's meeting about the Neighborhood Improvement Grants, because he needed more time to gather the information. Where is Mr. Laughlin?

Work Program Adoption

Mr. Caspar: The next item on the agenda is to adopt the Commission's Work Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to adopt the Work Program. Motion carried unanimously.

General Discussion: City Code property appearance provisions and the authority of the City to regulate property appearance.

Mr. Caspar: Is there anything in the City Code about appearance?

Mr. Harrison: There is nothing that addresses appearance unless it is a code violation. No actual documentation is in the code that addresses appearance.

Ms. Kulik: The Paramore Family has agreed to take the house down on Firetower Road.

Mr. Johnson: This Commission cannot do anything about that property due to appearance unless there is a code violation such as trash, bufferyard, etc.

Community Appearance Awards: December CAC Awards and Nominations

Ms. Kulik: At the Mattress Firm business, I have received complaints from residents and businesses about the dumpster and the mattresses being outside. The mattresses have been outside and are a code violation.

Mr. Johnson: The Commission should drop Mattress Firm from consideration.

The Commission voted for the Drew Steele Center to receive the community appearance award.

The Commission nominated Dr. Michels on Hemby, the Bonefish Grill, and Domino's on Charles Boulevard as possible community appearance award recipients.

The Commission agreed to change the number of community appearance awards granted from one to up two awards per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Ms. Diane Kulik to grant up to two community appearance awards per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Comments and Items for Future Agendas

Ms. Kulik: I am concerned about blowing debris in the storm water inlet. Kevin, is there a way to have a regulation.

Mr. Heifferon: I will have a staff member from storm water to come and talk to the Commission.

Mr. Harrison: The words are in engineering terms not layman terms.

Mr. Abboud: When the landscaper is getting their business license that could be the time to educate the landscaper. Code Enforcement should also be present to address issues on this.

Mr. Kachroo: Mattresses in the dumpster are okay if the mattresses are there on the day the dumpster is being unloaded.

Mr. Caspar: Dumpsters need a top on them.

Mr. Heifferon: Saturday, February 9, 2013 is Community Tree day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at River Park North, Walter L. Stasavich Science and Nature Center at 1000 Mumford Road. There will be 120 trees planted in that area. We would like to have one hundred people broken down in teams of ten people to volunteer. One volunteer is needed per tree. It takes a lot of volunteers. Please contact me.

Commission will meet on January 9, 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to have the Commission's meeting for January 2013 be held on January 9, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Harrison
Planner