

## **COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES**

April 7, 2010  
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, Vice-Chair	Troy Jensen
Dana Coles, Chair	Perry Kachroo
Brenda Diggs	Albi McLawhorn

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

Mark Abboud      Teasha Barrett      LaRonda Hodges      Kathryn Swope

**Staff Present:** Delbert Bryant, Public Works; Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Cori Hines, Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman; and Niki Jones, Planner

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APRIL 7, 2010**

Motion was made by Mr. Troy Jensen and seconded by Mr. Albi McLawhorn to approve the April 7, 2010 agenda with the additions of Public Works – Delbert Bryant and Rebuilding Together – Dana Coles. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 3, 2010**

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Mr. Myron Caspar to approve the March 3, 2010 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Welcome Ms. Teasha Barrett**

Ms. Barrett was not present.

#### **Public Works: Delbert Bryant**

Mr. Bryant: Building materials are not being picked up as items for Spring Cleanup.

Batteries, tires, metal, furniture, leaves, clippings, general cleanup, and white goods (appliances) will be picked up. State mandates to separate.

Mr. Jensen: It is not right to not provide this service.

Mr. Bryant: This is the second year of picking up no building materials.

Mr. Jensen: What do taxes pay for?

Mr. Bryant: Public Works is an enterprise.

Mr. Jensen: Where does the building materials go?

Mr. Bryant: There is a \$40.00 fee for a ton of construction debris.

Mr. Caspar: If there is a tree trunk and a 2x4, what will happen?

Mr. Bryant: The 2x4 stays and the tree trunk goes.

Ms. Diggs: Is the homeowner notified?

Mr. Bryant: Fliers will go out and the paper will run an advertisement.

Mr. Caspar: What about toilets?

Mr. Bryant: No plumbing....

Ms. Diggs: What about neighbors putting trash in the street gutter?

Mr. Bryant: Public Works notifies resident not to put trash in the gutter on the street by a door hanger being placed on the door.

Ms. Diggs: There are problems with vegetation in the street.

Mr. Bryant: We will step up enforcement in that area.

Mr. Caspar: The nabber grabber used by Public Works can cause damage to the yard.

Mr. Bryant: Move grass clippings around and if we damage your yard, the City will repair the damage.

Mr. Kachroo: Is there a correlation between property tax and the Public Works Department?

Mr. Bryant: Sanitation is directly related to the Greenville Utilities bill.

Mr. Kachroo: Why move to enterprise?

Mr. Bryant: Renter never pays, so this will let the user foot the bill and the user pays the fee. There is a backyard and curbside service. Public Works does not get help from tax base.

Commission thanked Mr. Bryant for the information.

Mr. Caspar suggested that more hanging tags be given out to give the feeling that more people are looking at violators.

Mr. Bryant: Public Works is trying to get the information out.

### **Rebuilding Together: Dana Coles**

Ms. Coles: They have enough volunteers, but we have an opportunity to do some landscaping on Saturday, April 10, 2010. This will be done with Keep Greenville Beautiful. If you would like to participate, please let me know. The landscaping will be done at 406 Tyson Street. Please meet at the Police Substation on West Fifth Street at 9:00 – 9:30.

### **April Community Appearance Awards Voting and Nominations**

Mr. Jones: Nathaniel Village was given the award for March, but the Modlin Agency was the actual winner, so the Modlin Agency will actually receive the nomination for April. GTV will do a segment with Dana Coles at the Modlin Agency tomorrow.

Ms. Coles: Each Commission member bring at least one nomination at the May Meeting. We need more nominations.

Mr. McLawhorn: The airport could be used to scroll nice shots of Greenville for visitors to see.

Mr. Jones: Airways bragging on Greenville, NC.

### **Downtown Projection Signs Update**

No update was given.

### **Spring Cleanup Update**

Mr. Hines: Ms. Coles and I rode around to look at areas for cleanup and decided on Kristen Drive neighborhood along drainage area on Saturday April 24, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30. Meet at the playground on Kristen Drive and Shiloh. Hot dogs will be

served afterwards. Volunteers are needed to man the station at Elm Street to hand out gloves, trash and bags from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Ms. Diggs: Are volunteers recruited?

Mr. Hines: Yes.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no subcommittee reports.

### **UPDATES BY STAFF**

Ms. Coles: The Commission needs a planning meeting to determine how much budget money should be requested to City Council.

The Commission agreed that monies should be requested for the Community Appearance Commission's budget.

Neighborhood Improvement Grants should request \$7,500.00.

Biennial Awards program should request \$500.00.

Monetary Awards for Biennial winners with strings attached should request \$1,500.00.

Airport Ads/public relations campaign should request \$7,500.00.

Mr. Jones: In May, the Commission will need to work on a work plan.

Mr. McLawhorn: The gateway signs are understated.

Ms. Diggs: There could be a mascot for the City of Greenville. The Emerald City could be played up.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Jones  
Planner

