

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 1, 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:

Mark Abboud	Troy Jensen
Dana Coles, Chair	Perry Kachroo
Brenda Diggs	Albi McLawhorn
Valerie Guess	Joanne Robertson

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Myron Caspar	Redeem Robinson
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Staff Present: Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary; Merrill Flood, Director of Community Development; Cori Hines, Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman; and Niki Jones, Planner

Others Present: Inez Fridley, President of ReLeaf

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: DECEMBER 1, 2010

Ms. Coles: The order of agenda items under New Business has been changed. Under New Business, the first item of business will be Presentation of the ReLeaf Award; the second item of business will be the November CAC Awards Voting and Nominations; the third item of business will be the Neighborhood Improvement Grants; and the fourth item of business will be the Adopt-a-street clean-up schedule (2 dates).

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Ms. Valerie Guess to approve the changes to the December 1, 2010 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Troy Jensen and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to approve the November 3, 2010 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the ReLeaf Award

Ms. Coles presented the ReLeaf Award to Ms. Inez Fridley, President of ReLeaf.

Ms. Fridley thanked the Commission for recognizing ReLeaf with the beautiful plaque.

The Commission thanked ReLeaf for all of the work done to improve the appearance of the City of Greenville through tree plantings over the years.

December Community Appearance Awards Voting and Nominations

The Commission voted for UNX.

The Commission nominated the City decorations from the Library to the Courthouse; down Red Banks Road to Arlington Village; and First Street Place down by the bridge.

Neighborhood Improvement Grants

Mr. Hines presented the Neighborhood Improvement Grants to the Commission for review.

Arlington Park Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to plant two different shrub varieties on the neighborhood commons. The amount requested is \$750.00 and the amount recommended is \$500.00.

Brookhaven Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to landscape intersection. The amount requested is \$750.00 and the amount recommended is \$650.00.

Englewood/Elmhurst Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to put up neighborhood signs. The amount requested is \$750.00 and the amount recommended is \$700.00.

Tar River/University Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to install a second water tap for the community garden. The amount requested is \$665.76 and the amount recommended is \$500.00.

Oaks Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to put up a neighborhood entrance sign. The amount requested is \$750.00 and the amount recommended is \$750.00.

Treetops Neighborhood

The neighborhood would like to plant shrubs along Firetower. The amount requested is \$750.00 and the amount recommended is \$650.00.

Mr. Hines the total of the amount requested by the neighborhoods equals \$4,415.76 and the amount recommended by the subcommittee is \$3,750.00.

Mr. McLawhorn: Treetops may have already received funds from the road widening.

Mr. Abboud: More information is needed from Treetops before granting more funds. The Commission could review Treetops again in the Spring to allow time to gather more information.

Mr. Kachroo: Newcomers should be approved.

Ms. Coles: Is there a formal motion on the floor?

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to fully fund all applications with the exception of the Tar River/University Neighborhood losing some money from the total requested to cover the full amount of the other applications with the exclusion of Treetops. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt-a-Street Clean-up Schedule (2 Dates)

Mr. Abboud: The Commission needs to decide upon two dates to clean up Kristen Drive. The dates could be early spring and then fall. Commission members are being asked to think about the dates, so a final decision can be made with Commission approval in January 2011.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jensen: The desire to have private residential awards is a slippery slope; however, if neighborhood associations want to submit recommendations to the Commission during certain dates, the Commission could decide to do that. Commercial and residential awards definitely need to be kept separate. Winslow's should be considered for the major renovation award. The City of Greenville website needs a neighborhood association link.

Mr. Kachroo: There needs to be a neighborhood association list and then the association can provide the link.

UPDATES BY STAFF

Mr. Jones: Thanked Mr. Cori Hines for his service the City of Greenville as the Neighborhood Liaison and Ombudsman.

Mr. Hines: Public service is an honor. This Commission inspired me. I fed off the Commission's energy and enthusiasm. I enjoyed working with Niki in partnership with the Commission.

The Commission thanked Cori Hines for his hard work and dedication to the Commission.

Mr. Kachroo provided food from his fabulous restaurant Marathon to thank Cori Hines for a job well done.

Ms. Coles provided a cake for all to enjoy to celebrate Cori Hines for his work with the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Jones
Planner