

## **COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES**

January 6, 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
Myron Caspar	Perry Kachroo
Dana Coles, Chair	Albi McLawhorn
Brenda Diggs	

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

Noria Namaz	Katherine Swope
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**Staff Present:** 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: JANUARY 6, 2010**

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to approve the January 6, 2010 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 2, 2009**

Motion was made by Mr. Troy Jensen and seconded by Mr. Myron Caspar to approve the December 2, 2009 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

The Commission voted for the Cobb House as the winner of the January Community Appearance Award.

Albi McLawhorn nominated the street decorations down Evans Street. Nathaniel Village is also a nomination.

Mr. Kachroo: Between Arlington Boulevard and Greenville Boulevard on Red Banks, there are lights.

Mr. Abboud: Off of Firetower Road across from Fuddruckers, Modlin Insurance looks nice. The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity house looks great. Dunn and Dalton were the architects.

### **Code Enforcement Statistics for December 2009**

Mr. Jones presented the Code Enforcement Statistics to the Commission.

#### **December Stats 2009**

Abandoned Structures = 3  
Minimum Housing = 7  
Public Nuisance = 56

#### **December Stats 2008**

Abandoned Structures = 0  
Minimum Housing = 9  
Public Nuisance = 55

In 2009, a total of 3,989 first inspections took place. In 2008, a total of 3,744 first inspections took place.

Mr. Abboud: I would like to commend Code Enforcement for their work. Enforcement is noticed.

Ms. Diggs: Neighbors driving into driveway with two cars in a one car driveway making ruts.

Mr. Caspar suggested taking a photograph.

Ms. Diggs: Leaving a trash can out in front of the property.

Mr. Jones: That is a Public Works violation.

Mr. Jensen: What are the parameters for a fine?

Mr. Jones: It depends on the officer. A letter is sent asking for compliance. If resident will not comply, the resident is fined.

Mr. Jensen: How many repeat offenders are there?

Mr. Jones: There are a lot of repeat offenders.

## **Flood Land Re-Use Program**

Mr. Jones: After the flood of 1999, there were many properties purchased by the City. These properties were purchased under a program called the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). There are many properties now owned by the City of Greenville due to the HMGP. It is the City's responsibility to maintain these properties. Thus, a Flood Land Re-Use Plan was created. This plan allows for the property to be used in a manner "beneficial to the citizens of Greenville and at the same time safe from future flooding or storm events." Suitable land uses would be a flower garden, a produce garden, an open space, a recreation area and nature reserves. Unsuitable land uses would be any commercial use, hunting and new permanent structures.

Mr. Caspar: Is there a map of the area?

Mr. Jones: A map will be available at the February meeting.

Ms. Coles: I would like to introduce Kandie Smith, who is the City Council Liaison, to the Community Appearance Commission.

Councilmember Smith thanked the Commission members for their hard work and dedication.

## **Neighborhood Grant Program (Tentatively)**

No information was presented.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Coles: The Sub-Committees have not met.

## **UPDATES BY STAFF**

### **Adopt a Flower Bed Program Update**

Mr. Jones: Adopt a flower bed will be through Keep Greenville Beautiful. The program allows groups to adopt designated city landscape beds and maintain them by weeding, planting, collecting litter, changing out annuals and perennials, etc. An appropriate marker that is in keeping with the bed location will be placed in the bed identifying the group. The Community Appearance Commission will sponsor a bed.

Mr. Kachroo: I like the idea of having flower beds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Diggs: I am concerned about the entryway into Treetops. No work has begun at the entryway.

Mr. Hines: I will check into it.

Ms. Coles: The Holiday Social was great. Katherine Swope went to the wrong location. She did not receive the e-mail, because she does not have an e-mail address.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Jones  
Planner