

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 6, 2011
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	Joanne Robertson

Community Appearance Commission Members Absent:

Valerie Guess Carol Phillips

Staff Present: Sandy Gale Edmundson, Secretary and Niki Jones, Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APRIL 6, 2011

Motion was made by Mr. Troy Jensen and seconded by Mr. Myron Caspar to approve the April 6, 2011 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 2, 2011

Motion was made by Mr. Albi McLawhorn and seconded by Troy Jensen to approve the March 2, 2011 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

April Community Appearance Awards Voting and Nominations

The Commission voted for the Pitt-Greenville Airport new construction addition.

The Commission nominated the First Street Place apartments and the vacant lot on the left hand side of the road as you cross the bridge on Greene Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Coles: Spring Cleanup was bypassed, because I could not attend the meetings, so cleanup came and went.

Mr. McLawhorn: I would like to request a code enforcement report. I would like to see code enforcement be fair across the board.

Mr. Caspar: I am the Tree Preservation Commission representative from this Commission. An organizational meeting was held with four tree huggers and four tree cutters. The four tree cutters dominated. The Tree Preservation ordinance is only 4 to 5 years old so why create a new one. Tree preservation means preserving trees. Ordinance will deal with unimproved properties. City staff will organize the Commission's thoughts. Does the Commission want me to take anything back to the the Tree Preservation Commission?

Ms. Coles: Please keep the Commission abreast of the ordinance writing.

Ms. Coles: Niki Jones will check with the Trophy Case about creating the biennial awards.

Mr. Jones: The Neighborhood Grants need to be awarded by June 2011.

Ms. Coles: The Neighborhood Grants Committee meets beforehand to recommend action to the Commission.

Mr. Abboud: How does one unadopt a street? Craig and Betty Gardner adopted Ragsdale Road and can no longer keep the street up. The neighborhood wants to adopt the street along with East and West Wright Road.

Mr. Jones: I will check into it.

Mr. Caspar: Where does the responsibility lie with regards to trash that is up against the foundation of the house?

Mr. Jones: The responsibility lies with the property owner.

Mr. Caspar: Nothing is done about trash in plantings. Where does this start as a Commission issue?

Mr. McLawhorn: Shaming people is more effective than regulating people.

Mr. Caspar: Regulations need to be enforced.

Ms. Diggs: Whose responsibility is the right-of-way's trash?

Mr. Jones: Public Works has the responsibility of collecting the trash in the right-of-way.

Ms. Diggs: I am concerned about how the community looks. A public service announcement could be run to encourage neighborhoods to clean up all of the time not just during spring cleanup.

Mr. Caspar: Let's try to get more people to clean areas. Clean up property but not private property.

Mr. McLawhorn: The pretty parts of the City of Greenville is private property where people are.

Ms. Diggs: Publicity needs to be increased of beautification efforts to encourage people to get involved.

Mr. Jones: The Commission has a work plan.

Mr. McLawhorn: Implementation of the work plan needs to occur.

Ms. Coles: The Commission should move forward with areas that need to be cleaned.

Mr. Abboud: There are different perspectives.

Mr. Kachroo: Increasing civic sense is a diplomatic way.

Mr. Jones: Code Enforcement issues can be placed on every agenda of the Commission.

UPDATES BY STAFF

There were no updates by Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ms. Brenda Diggs and seconded by Mr. Mark Abboud to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Niki Jones
Planner

