THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

April 3, 2018

The Community Appearance Commission held a regular meeting on April 3, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Prior to the meeting, new member Diane Hale was sworn in for a new term of office.

Members present: Faye Shelton

 Frank Reid

 Leslie Cassell

 Diane Hale

 Cathy Carter

Members absent: Pam Adkins

 Ann Fair

 Raven Brown

Staff present: Debbie Galloway, Planner

Others present: Michael Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shelton.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meetings on February 6 and March 6, 2018 were presented to the Commission. Mr. Reid made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mrs. Carter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AWARD – APRIL.

Mrs. Galloway explained the appearance award for new member Diane Hale. There was discussion about several properties including KFC, Eden Veterinary Clinic (new sign), and Arby’s (interior remodel).

Chair Shelton mentioned Howard’s Restaurant. She made a motion that they be given the award. Mr. Reid seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

DRAPER PARK.

Mrs. Galloway reported that Public Works would begin work on the corner park (at Stadium and Fieldcrest).

Mrs. Hale asked who would pay for the improvements.

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Mrs. Galloway said they would be paid for by the Commission.

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT.

Mrs. Galloway said she had set up the account for the City, but she had not made any posts yet. She asked the Commission members to send her any photos around town that might be good to post.

PLOGGING.

Ms. Cassell said she had talked with the owners of Crossfit and they would like to partner on the project. It was noted that Crossfit might keep some trash bags for people to use when they are out walking/jogging. There was discussion about picking up litter at the Bridge Street and Kings Highway area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS.

There was discussion about planting flowers in the planters in the Draper and Leaksville downtown areas. Mrs. Galloway said these are typically planted in the spring by the landscape contractor.

The Commission members said they would like to do the planting themselves. There was discussion about what type of flowers to plant. It was noted that they needed to be heat and drought tolerant.

Mrs. Carter suggested lantana. Several Commission members agreed with this idea.

The Commission decided to get together to do the planters on Saturday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Galloway said she would get the plants, soil and necessary items.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Mr. Hutchinson said he wished people would take more pride in the community. He said he knew this is not the city’s fault, but he wondered how to get people to take more pride and to improve things. He said there is trash everywhere; he also said he and his daughter pick up trash in the Johns St./Walter Chambers St. area, and his family has also volunteered picking up trash in Danville along the river. He wanted to ask if there is something he can do, and maybe how to get people more engaged.

Mrs. Carter said the Grand Oaks neighborhood had started a neighborhood cleanup group.

There was discussion about a city cleanup day, with possible corporate sponsorship. It was noted that maybe we could ask Duke Energy to help sponsor an event.

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There was discussion about ways to publicize such an event. It was noted that social media could be used, but this is hit or miss. Also it was suggested to post banners with the date and time of the event.

Chair Shelton said she would contact Duke Energy about possibly sponsoring an event. She also said that DOT would probably provide trash bags.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Debra W. Galloway, Administrative Assistant

 to the Community Appearance Commission

Attest:

Faye Shelton, Chair