

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION
August 2, 2022

The Community Appearance Commission held a regular meeting on August 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Susan Cunningham
Debbie Ellis
Julie Talbert
Faye Shelton
Jennifer Shelton
James Cherry

Members absent: Martha Corum

Staff present: Debbie Galloway, Planner
Jeff Alderman, Planner.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Jennifer Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Cunningham seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AWARD – April, May, June, July, August.

The following businesses were suggested for the Community Appearance Award:

Mrs. Galloway suggested the car wash at Stadium Drive and Kennedy Street, which was recently painted and improved. She also suggested Purlina's Gift Baskets, located at 144 N. Fieldcrest Rd. She said this building had been on the city's demolition list, but the owner had repaired the building and relocated her business there from Washington St.

Mr. Cherry suggested ACI Physical Therapy on Kings Highway. He also noted that the hospital property was always well-maintained.

Chair Ellis suggested Scott's Automotive on Boone Rd. since they have painted the building.

Mrs. Galloway also suggested Piedmont Surfaces on Monroe St.

Mrs. Cunningham suggested Night Owl Stone at the old Eden Mall.

Mrs. Talbot made a motion to give the awards to: the car wash on Stadium Dr., Purlina's Gift Baskets, ACI Physical Therapy, Scott's Automotive, and Piedmont Surfaces. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

DRAPER SIGN.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the PO for the sign had been issued.

DRAPER PLANTS.

Faye Shelton reported that some of the plants had died. Mrs. Galloway said the Street Department was supposed to water the plants, but apparently, they did not.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

ROTARY CLUB GRANT.

Mrs. Talbert said the Rotary Club had received a grant to paint three murals in the Leaksville, Draper, and Boulevard areas. She said the murals would depict pollinators and she showed photos of the proposed murals. She also said a muralist had been contracted and she asked if the Commission would be able to contribute \$500 toward the project. There was discussion about the project, and it was noted that the murals should have the Rotary Club logo as well as the City logo on them. It was also suggested that perhaps there could be some type of plantings for pollinators planted at or near the murals. Mr. Cherry made a motion to contribute \$500 toward the project. Mrs. Talbert seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Mr. Cherry asked how much money the Commission was allotted in the current year budget. Mrs. Galloway said that all the requested projects for the Commission were cut from the budget and that no funds were in the approved budget. She said she could not explain why all the funds were cut, since several projects were submitted in the budget request, along with estimated costs. She said other boards had their funding cut, but not to zero, and she did not understand why the Commission did not receive any funding.

Some commission members asked if they should contact their council members, and Mrs. Galloway said she thought that would be appropriate. There was discussion about whether there was any point to the Commission meeting, or even existing, if they were not going to be funded. Mrs. Galloway said the Commission is a valuable resource to the City and that she thought the Council felt the same way, but she could not explain the lack of funding.

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS.

Mr. Cherry said that the “street closed” sign was missing on the Presbyterian Church side of Southwood Dr. He also said that flags should be installed on the signs. Mrs. Galloway said she would let the Street Department know about this.

Jennifer Shelton said that Morgan Road looks awful. Mrs. Galloway said they have several actions in progress on properties along Morgan Road.

Mrs. Talbert said there are several properties on Harris Street near Hamilton Street that are very junky. Mrs. Galloway said she would have them checked.

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:

Debbie Ellis, Chair

