

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION
October 1, 2024

The Community Appearance Commission held a regular meeting (postponed) on October 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning & Community Development conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Debbie Dyer
 Jada Johnston
 Becky Shomali
 Faye Shelton
 Pam Miskel
 Kendra Grill
 Debbie Ellis

Members absent: Julie Talbert

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, CZO/Planner I

OATH OF OFFICE:

Newly appointed member Mrs. Debbie Dyer took the Community Appearance Commission Oath of Office and was officially sworn in as a member.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Ellis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Kendra Grill made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting. Becky Shomali seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

OCTOBER COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AWARD.

Staff and Members discussed the topic of nominations for October's Community Appearance Award. Jada Johnston made a motion to nominate "The Sirloin House" for October's Award. Kendra Grill seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

Members and staff discussed the topic of getting "Community Appearance Award" yard signs to be displayed on site at the nominee's business. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Members and staff discussed the topic of transitioning the current monthly Community Appearance Award format to a quarterly format, four times a year (January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December). The new format will begin January 2025. Debbie Ellis made a motion to adopt the new format. Kendra Grill seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

VETERANS PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission he had reached out to the recommended contractors/companies by the members from September's meeting and has plans to create renderings of the potential project for the upcoming site visits. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Debbie Ellis suggested presenting the project before City Council for funding assistance. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Commission he and a colleague will start planting flowers in the Downtown area planters soon. Members and staff expressed their concern and frustration of the lack of attention the planters receive, specifically the lack of watering by the City. Members and staff discussed the topics further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Alderman re-presented the project idea of an "Outdoor Piano" to the Commission. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Members and staff discussed goals and plans to assist in facilitating future projects.

Members discussed the idea of postponing November's regular meeting to Tuesday November, 12th due to November 5th being Election Day. Jada Johnston made a motion to postpone November's regular meeting to Tuesday November, 12th. Kendra Grill seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Alderman, Administrative Assistant
to the Community Appearance Commission

Attest



Debbie Ellis, Chair