

SMITHFIELD APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 15, 2007

Members Present

Wallace Ashley, Chairperson
Candace Jackson, Co-Chairperson
Kay Long
Joe Morgan
Regina Sanders
Phillip Starr
Harold Tharrington

Members Absent

Ann Ragland
Bettie Robinson

Staff Present

Latanya Merritt

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ashley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in the conference room of Town Hall.

Invocation

Mr. Tharrington gave the invocation.

II. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mrs. Long and seconded by Ms. Jackson and duly carried, the agenda was approved after listing Enhancement Fund as a New Business item.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes February 20, 2007

On motion of Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Tharrington and duly carried, the minutes were approved.

IV. Financial Report

1). Appearance Commission Budget:

Mr. McKinney gave the financial report as follow:

- Interest Paid to Date \$2,294.61
- Expenditure Balance \$5,214.72
- Account Balance \$3,785.28

V. Old Business

1). Status of Sidewalk Study By NCDOT:

Mr. Morgan provided each member with a copy of the Town of Smithfield Pedestrian Gap & Needs Analysis sidewalk map.

Mr. Morgan made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tharrington, and duly carried to request the Town to look at (1) Front Street to Wilson's Mills Road, (2) Buffalo Road to Greenway (3) Booker Dairy Road, and (4) North Brightleaf Boulevard as areas for sidewalk expansion.

Mr. Morgan stated that he would compose a letter with the Appearance Commission recommendations for the sidewalk and beautification projects.

2). West Market Street Welcome Sign Update:

Chairperson Ashley stated that the Chamber of Commerce would provide the new welcome sign and each club would be responsible for the replacement of their logo on the new sign.

VI New Business

1). Programs in Coordination with Keep Johnston County Beautiful:

Upon discussion, Mr. Morgan stated that he and Ms. Robinson attended this meeting. Representatives from transportation and several Commissioners were also in attendance.

2). County Emphasis on Litter:

Mr. Morgan stated 1st graders – 5th graders from different schools participated in a litter poster contest. The winner of the poster contest will be announced on May 24, 2007 and Mrs. Regina Sanders will attend the awards program to present the award to the winner.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Commission is working with Keep Johnston County Beautiful to educate students concerning litter. Hopefully, this poster project will help kids understand the importance of keeping their town/communities clear of litter.

3). Summer Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Morgan made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Long and duly carried, to dispense meeting until August 21, 2007.

Chairman Ashley appointed Co-Chairperson Jackson, Mr. Starr, and Mr. Tharrington to meet with Mike McKinney during the months of June and July if there is any business of importance.

4). SUP-07-05, Mark and Aimee Pucket:

On motion of Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and duly carried, the Commission supports the Planning Board's decision to deny the applicants request. If Town Council approves request, the Commission recommends the applicant bring the commercial street yard into compliance due to the proximity to residential property.

Chairperson Ashley stated due to his circumstances, he would like to resign from being Chairperson. There will be more discussion on this matter at the August meeting.

Chairperson Ashley stated as members of this Commission we really do not know much about each other. Therefore, he would like to invite the Commission member to his home for a cookout between now and the August meeting to become more acquainted with each other.

VII. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Tharrington seconded by Mrs. Sanders and duly carried, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 21, 2007.