

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Joint Meeting and Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2002

JOINT MEETING

The City of Raleigh Appearance Commission met in joint session with the Parks, Recreation, and Greenways Advisory Board on Thursday, October 17, 2002, at 301 Hillsborough Street, for the purpose of receiving a presentation concerning the proposed North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Attendance was as follows:

Present: Susan Goodmon, David Lazzo, Charlie Madison, Chad Meadows, Brian Starkey, Courtney Telfaire, Catherine Williams, George Young.

Not present: Art Chard, Mark Dickey, Hillman Duncan, Stephanie Garner, Kevin Kane, Tara Schwenzfeier, and Beth Yerxa.

Staff: Bob Mosher and Doug Hill.

Commission members were presented updated information concerning the design and site features of the memorial by Fire Captain Andy Woodall and designer Dan Sears. A question and answer session followed. At the conclusion of the presentation, commission members inspected the proposed installation site in Nash Square.

REGULAR MEETING

The commission reconvened in Room 305 of the Avery C. Upchurch Municipal Building for its regular monthly meeting at approximately 6:00 PM. Attendance was as follows:

Present: Art Chard, Hillman Duncan, Stephanie Garner, Susan Goodmon, David Lazzo, Charlie Madison, Chad Meadows, Brian Starkey, Courtney Telfaire, Catherine Williams, Beth Yerxa and George Young.

Not Present: Mark Dickey, Kevin Kane, and Tara Schwenzfeier.

Staff: Bob Mosher, Doug Hill, and Kanika Heyward.

Visitor: Terry Gleason, Integrated Design PA.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Charlie Madison called for review of the minutes of the September 19, 2002 meeting. There being no corrections, Brian Starkey moved that the minutes be approved. Beth Yerxa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Stanhope Center PBOD Streetscape Plan

Terry Gleason, Integrated Design, PA, presented the revised Stanhope Center Streetscape Plan. After much discussion, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Stanhope Center

Streetscape and Parking Plan with the following recommendations: that the Streetscape Maintenance Plan clearly give responsibility for the “streetscape” elements to the Property Owners Association, that street trees be added to the streetscape along Hillsborough St. so there will be a minimum of 1 tree for every 50 linear feet along the street frontage, that the minimum unobstructed sidewalk width along Hillsborough St. be 8 feet, and that the use of tree guards be limited to the pedestrian areas along sidewalks and streets.

Fallen Firefighters Memorial

The commission, following discussion of the proposal, voted unanimously to recommend the following: that preferably, the memorial be located in the state government complex but barring that, that it be positioned in the existing circular space at the center of Nash Square; that the proposed seat wall and pylons be eliminated in favor of placing the bas relief plaques and memorial names around the base of the sculpture, that flag poles be retractable or removable, that any existing features at the site that will need to be removed (i.e., light pole) be relocated within Nash Square, and that a master plan be developed for Nash Square park. A draft memo is to be circulated via email for commission review and approval, with the final version to be forwarded to the City Manager’s office within the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Awareness Committee

Courtney Telfaire reported on the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards presentation, adding that the committee will next begin preparing the Fall/Winter newsletter and planning the spring workshop.

Landscape and Design Committee

Brian Starkey reported that the committee had met twice since the commission’s last meeting: October 1 and October 15. At its October 1 meeting members had reviewed the following projects: SECU Operations Center Parking Lot, Ebenezer Church United Methodist Church and the Firefighters Memorial. At its October 15 meeting members had reviewed plans for the Longview School Addition, 909 Spring Forest Road, Capital Park Daycare, Ebenezer United Methodist Church (2nd review), Stanhope Center Streetscape Plan, and streetscape projects for Leadmine Road, Falls of the Neuse Road, Durant Road, Garner Road, and Strickland Road.

Legislative Committee

Beth Yerxa reported that the committee is awaiting comments from Deputy Attorney Ira Botvinick on the draft ordinance on street performer policies.

Ad Hoc Stormwater Detention Design Committee

The committee met with Mark Senior of the city’s Central Engineering Department on September 27, and discussed city engineering standards for stormwater abatement measures.

Executive Committee

Charlie Madison reported that the committee had drafted a letter to the developers of the North Hills redevelopment project as directed at the last meeting. After brief discussion, the commission voted unanimously to forward the revised letter to the developers of the North Hills redevelopment project, and send a copy to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS (*con't.*)

2003 Work Program

Mr. Madison asked each committee chair to finalize their respective committees' 2003 work plan priorities and present their recommendations at the next Executive Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

TC-16-02 (Parking for Duplex Dwellings)

Charlie Madison gave a brief overview of the proposed text change. After discussion, the commission voted unanimously to forward the following comments to the Planning Commission and City Council: that the proposed text change will increase impervious surface runoff, that there is already a significant problem with the appearance of front yards that the proposal could worsen, and that the proposal could have a particularly negative visual impact in existing neighborhoods where infill developments are being considered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Landscape and Design Committee	Tues., Nov. 5 – 4:00 PM; Room 303; Tues., Nov. 19 – 4:00 PM; Room 303
Public Awareness Committee	Wed., Nov. 6 – 4:30 PM; Room 400-A
Legislative Committee	Wed., Nov. 13 – 10:30 AM; Room 303
Executive Committee	Thurs., Nov. 14 – 7:30 AM; Big Ed's
Appearance Commission	Thurs., Nov. 21 – 5:00 PM; Room 305
Ad Hoc Stormwater Detention Design Committee	TBA; Helios Coffee