

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2010

Members present: Laurent de Comarmond, Tyler Highsmith, Bang Le, Andrew Leager, Omar McCallop, Ted Van Dyk, Vincent Whitehurst, and Stan Williams.

Members not present: Elizabeth Byrd (*excused*), Mitch Fluhrer (*excused*), Jim Harris (*unexcused*), John Holmes (*excused*), Tom Skolnicki (*excused*), Cindy Szwarcop (*excused*).

Visitor: Mary Archer (NCSU student).

Staff present: Doug Hill.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Vincent Whitehurst, chairing the meeting in Tom Skolnicki's absence, called for review of the minutes of the December 17 commission meeting. Andrew Leager moved the minutes be approved. Stan Williams seconded; passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Review Committee

Vincent Whitehurst noted that as no new site plans had been ready for committee review at either the January 5 or 19 meetings, the latter meeting was cancelled and the former was devoted to refining the suggested Design Standards priorities. Brief discussion followed concerning when the list might best be brought forward. Vincent Whitehurst stated he would confer with Christine Darges, project manager for the code update, in that regard. He asked Doug Hill to forward the date scheduled for the commission's participation in the planned stakeholder meetings as soon as that information is available.

Strategic/ Outreach Committee

Regarding aesthetic improvements to the Wake County Parking Deck, Stan Williams reported he is waiting to hear from a contact in Portland as to a similar project there. Ted Van Dyk noted he is assisting Elizabeth Byrd regarding research into the banners used at Crabtree Valley Mall.

Omar McCallop reviewed taglines that had been suggested for the 2010 Sir Walter Raleigh Awards. After brief discussion, "Raleigh by Design" was approved unanimously. October 7 was suggested for the event date; the commission elected to defer a final decision, however, until it could be confirmed there would be no major conflict with NCSU events.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Procedure for Review of Major Projects

Bang Le outlined the Strategic/ Outreach Committee's discussion of the topic with Christine Darges, held at the committee's January 13 meeting. Points considered at that time included refining thresholds for referral to the full commission, and the sequencing of Development Review Committee/ full commission review. After some discussion by the commission,

Doug Hill was asked to amend the draft proposal to reflect recommendations made during the commission's discussion, for consideration at the February meeting of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Review: Falls of Neuse Road Widening/ Landscape Design

Doug Hill noted that the plan would be presented at the Development Review Committee's February 2 meeting. It was decided to invite the full commission to attend, rather than schedule a special meeting for the review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Reports and Requests of Commission Members

There were no reports or requests.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Development Review Committee	Tues., February 2 - 4:00 PM; Room 809, OEP * Tues., February 16 - 4:00 PM; Room 809, OEP
Strategic/Outreach Committee	Wed., February 10 - 5:00 PM; Room 303, RMB
Appearance Commission	Thurs., February 18 - 5:30 PM; Room 305, RMB

* *Full commission requested to attend*