

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2010

Members present: Elizabeth Byrd, Jim Harris, Bang Le, Leza Mundt, Dean Rains, Julieta Sherk, Tom Skolnicki, Robert Taylor, Vincent Whitehurst, and Stan Williams. Omar McCallop and Tyler Highsmith arrived after the meeting began.

Members not present: John Holmes (*excused*), Cindy Szwarcokop (*excused*), and Ted Van Dyk (*excused*).

Staff present: Doug Hill (City Planning Department).

REVIEW OF JULY MINUTES

Tom Skolnicki called for review of the minutes of the July 15 commission meeting. Elizabeth Byrd moved that the minutes be approved. Jim Harris seconded; passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Review Committee

Vincent Whitehurst reported on site plans reviewed at the July 6 committee meeting.

Strategic/ Outreach Committee

Wake County Parking Deck Aesthetic Improvements: Elizabeth Byrd noted that Empire Properties had expressed its willingness to cover the banner cost, toward an extension of its site contract. The County staff is also favorable to the banner idea. The Council will be updated by a presentation by the commission in September, seeking formal support for the banner alternative. A schedule will be developed for design and installation upon approval.

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards: Tom Skolnicki noted that as result of budget and sponsorship shortfalls, the event will not beheld at Fletcher Opera Theater. Discussion followed regarding alternative venues, with various members agreeing to contact other downtown halls. Other members agreed to contact additional potential sponsors. *(Tyler Highsmith arrived at this point.)*

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Elizabeth Byrd reported that the following slate of officers had been proposed by the Nominating Committee: Vincent Whitehurst for Chair, Ted Van Dyk for Vice-Chair. Tom Skolnicki asked whether there were any nominations from the floor; there being none, he called for a motion. Stan Williams moved that the proposed slate of officers be approved; seconded by Leza Mundt, approved unanimously. The term of the new officers will begin September 1. *(Stan Williams left the meeting at this point.)*

Land Use Transition Workshop

Tom Skolnicki stated that Planning Director Mitchell Silver had noted the need for the commission to be involved with the Code update; a commission meeting regarding Module 1 with Christine Darges, project manager for the update, is to be arranged. Doug Hill then outlined the plans for the September 1 workshop.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Julieta Sherk, who had served the moderator for the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards jury, noted the like mind with which the award recipients had been chosen.
- Elizabeth Byrd thanked Tom Skolnicki for his service as commission Chair during the past year.
- Tom Skolnicki noted that a get together to honor past members/ Chairs Mitch Fluhrer and Andrew Leager is being planned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 PM.

SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Development Review Committee	Tues., Sept. 7 – 4:00 PM; Room 809, OEP Tues., Sept. 21 – 4:00 PM; Room 809, OEP
Strategic/Outreach Committee	Wed., Sept. 8 – 5:00 PM; Room 303, RMB
Appearance Commission	Thurs., Sept. 16 – 5:30 PM; Room 305, RMB