

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Members present: Elizabeth Byrd, John Holmes, Bang Le, Omar McCallop, Leza Mundt, Dean Rains, Ted Van Dyk, and Vincent Whitehurst.

Members not present: Jedidiah Gant (*excused*), Jim Harris (*unexcused*), Tyler Highsmith (*unexcused*), Wayne Maiorano (*excused*), Julieta Sherk (*excused*), Robert Taylor (*excused*), and Stan Williams (*excused*).

Staff present: Doug Hill.

REVIEW OF APRIL MINUTES

Vincent Whitehurst called for review of the minutes of the April 19 commission meeting (vote deferred at May meeting due to lack of a quorum). Elizabeth Byrd moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. John Holmes seconded; passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF MAY MINUTES

Vincent Whitehurst called for review of the minutes of the May 17 commission meeting. Elizabeth Byrd moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Ted Van Dyk seconded; passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 Sir Walter Raleigh Awards

Ted Van Dyk reported that Ed McMahon had been confirmed as the event speaker. The Triangle chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) will cover his expenses as an in-kind donation. Elizabeth Byrd volunteered to serve as the jury moderator; she also offered to contact another potential juror. Vincent Whitehurst noted that with ULI as the only sponsor confirmed to date, he plans to speak with City Council members regarding other possible support. Elizabeth Byrd reviewed catering bids, and provided a recommendation as to a first choice (contingent upon the funding available).

Unified Development Ordinance

Doug Hill noted that the deadline for first-round comments on the initial draft was June 6. Staff and the project consultants are currently engaged in discussion of the comments received, toward possible amendments to the draft.

Interim Aesthetic Improvements: Wake County Parking Deck

Elizabeth Byrd stated that banners are now expected to be in place in late July. The City Public Affairs Department is planning a media day in advance of the August 5 First Friday "unveiling". Additionally, the Wake County Public Libraries will hold a book release party for the storybook illustrated by the banners. The Appearance Commission is to be noted on one of the banners as helping to facilitate the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Arts Policy

Vincent Whitehurst asked whether the policy task force had met yet; Leza Mundt, who is to serve as the commission’s representative, stated the group will have their inaugural meeting in mid-July.

Commission’s Future Roles

Dean Rains asked about follow up to the commission’s June 7 conversation with Planning Director Mitchell Silver, which included consideration of the commission’s roles once the Unified Development Ordinance is adopted. Discussion followed, centered on potential opportunities for the commission to broaden community dialogue on design issues. Vincent Whitehurst called for further discussion of the topic at the July business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.

JULY 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

Development Review Committee/
Strategic-Outreach Committee

Tues., July 5 - 4:30 PM; Room 809, OEP

Development Review Committee/
Appearance Commission

Tues., July 19- 4:30 PM; Room 809, OEP