

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2013

Members present: Brian O’Haver, Elizabeth Byrd, Leza Mundt, Vincent Whitehurst, Julieta Sherk, Dean Rains, Wayne Maiorano, Jim Sherron

Members not present: Bang Le (excused), Victor Bruinton (unexcused), Asa Fleming (excused), Jedidiah Gant (excused), Lee Tripi (excused), Stan Williams (unexcused), Damien Graham (excused)

SP-67-11 Edison Apartments (Courtesy Review)

Recommendations:

- Investigate an entrance element for the courtyard/apartment main entrance that projects street side (a canopy or covered corner element).
- Consider integrating public art into the courtyard (fence) and canopy to make a statement.
- Encourage the use of multiple styles of canopies, awnings and signage for retail store fronts to decrease uniformity.
- Existing parking deck should be screened from interior courtyard
- Increase attention to detail on corners that would include higher quality materials and decorative lighting to make them place making elements.

SP-15-13 Edison Office

Recommendations:

- Encourage the use of two street species with substantial root zone planting areas.
- Consider breaking up the horizontality of the architecture on the east, north, and south building faces.
- The Commission comments the project on the aesthetics of the building.

SP-12-13 Wake Medical North Hospital Expansion

Recommendations:

- Include walkway on north side of the rear access drive connecting apartments to Falls of Neuse Road.
- Proposed site retaining walls should be planted to soften views.
- The same amount of articulation that is on the building should be brought to the parking deck.
- The parking deck should be screened from the Durant Road views.
- The Commission requests a second review if the parking deck moves forward as a site element. If a second review is not scheduled prior to Planning Commission site plan approval, the Commission requests that the parking deck be subject to Appearance Commission approval prior to building permit issuance.

REVIEW OF JANUARY MINUTES

Elizabeth Byrd called for review of the April 18th minutes. Dean Rains moved that April 18th minutes be approved as submitted; the motion was seconded by Wayne Maiorano and the motion passed unanimously.

Working Group Reports

Design Conversation-No Report

Solid Waste Collections-At the last meeting Mickey (Intern) reported back the findings of how other municipalities handle curbside (solid waste) commercial pickup in downtown areas; It appears it is a widespread problem which has not been dealt with, and alternate solutions/examples are few. The committee is brainstorming ideas for potential solutions. The Committee recommended other Cities for research and asked Mickey to report back at the next meeting on May 28th.

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards-Next meeting held Monday, May 20th at 4:00.

New Business

Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45