

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2013

Members present: Brian O’Haver, Elizabeth Byrd, Vincent Whitehurst, Wayne Maiorano, Jim Sherron, Stan Williams, Damien Graham

Members not present: Bang Le (excused), Victor Brinton (excused), Asa Fleming (excused), Jedidiah Gant (excused), Julieta Sherk (unexcused), Leza Mundt (excused)

SP-48-12: The L Building

Commissioner Maiorano recused

Recommendations:

- Incorporate a pedestrian coverage element or canopy along both street frontages.
- Consider using a more durable material in place of cementitious paneling at ground level.
- Blank wall areas (adjacent to service entries on Davie St elevation) should incorporate more architectural articulation.
- Further distinguish the residential building entrance.
- Articulate the McDowell Street elevation similar to the Davie Street elevation in order to break up the uniformity of the façade.

SP-12-13: Wake Med Expansion Parking Deck (Second submittal)

Commissioners Maiorano and O’Haver recused

Recommendations:

- No comments

SP-7-13: The Point at Creedmoor

Recommendations:

- Introduce pedestrian safety enhancements at proposed crossings of the “right-in” entrance drive on Creedmoor Road.
- Blank wall expanses on both retail out-buildings should be articulated similar to other elevations and similar to the Harris Teeter in order to promote unity of development between the buildings.
- The site plan should strive to minimize the height of site retaining walls.

SP-19-13: Teen Center

Recommendations:

- No comments

Raleigh Police Memorial Courtesy Review

Recommendations:

- Details of the sound chamber should be considered to make sure it is not perceived as a floor drain.
- Attention should be paid to the affect wind and trash will have on the water feature.
- Strategy for skateboarding use of prominent edges is strongly encouraged.

Union Station Courtesy Review

Roberta Fox of the Urban Design Center introduced the project and described the current status of the project scope and funding. She also requested that if the Commission desired, a letter of support for the project and design would be greatly beneficial to ongoing efforts. Steve Schuster, Clearscapes, presented an update of the site and building design. Both encouraged Commission members to attend the June 26, 2013 6:00pm public meeting located at CAM.

REVIEW OF MAY MINUTES

Elizabeth Byrd called for review of the May 16th minutes. Vincent Whitehurst moved that the May 16th 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-No Reports

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards- Elizabeth Byrd suggested that the Commission should make the SWRA the primary focus of their attention in the coming meetings. Brian O'haver volunteered to chair the jury committee organizational committee. Grant Meacci relayed that Jedidah Gant is expecting a copy of the CAM facility contract.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Commission Vacancies- Commission members discussed potential design and development related citizens who may be willing and available to fill the existing (Tripi) and upcoming (Whitehurst) vacancies. Commission members agreed to contact potential candidates (Ben Steele, Empire Properties, Matthew Griffith (in situ), Brett Hautop (Gensler).

The Commission discussed and thanked Vincent Whitehurst for his dedication to the commission over the past 6 years and commended his exemplary service to the City of Raleigh.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15.