

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2014

Members present: Cari Jones, Julieta Sherk, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Tika Hicks, Dean Rains, Brian O'Haver, Elizabeth Byrd, Asa Fleming, Robby Johnson

Members not present: Jedidiah Gant (*excused*), Bang Le (*excused*), Rolf Blizzard (*excused*), Damien Graham (*excused*), Victor Bruinton (*excused*)

Staff present: Elizabeth Alley

REVIEW OF JANUARY 2nd MINUTES

Julie Sherk called for review of the January 2nd minutes. Asa Fleming moved that the January 2nd minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Tika Hicks and the motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC/OUTREACH BUSINESS

SWRA working group- Asa will chair, Cari co-chair. The group discussed ideas for 2014: shorten the presentation length, consider whether to again use a panel. Consider CAM or another venue, perhaps Hunt Library (and also tours of the facility). Consider asking applicant to give a 50 word max summation of project for awards presentation, text and images scrolling in background while awards are presented.

Public realm/downtown improvements working group- Dean will chair. The Commission discussed possibility of working on a parklet and various options for doing so: the commission designs, installs and funds, or the commission sponsors a design competition.

Design excellence- Brian will chair. Julie Sherk reported that the working group wants to follow up on the survey results and analyze the data from the survey returns. The group also discussed the possibility of also working on the parklet initiative.

Elizabeth updated the Commission on the lecture as part of the NCSU Urban Design forum, and the need to find a replacement speaker. After discussion, the Commission directed Elizabeth to contact the proposed speaker to determine subject, availability, and cost, and to deliver updated budget numbers to the Commission in advance of the retreat for final authorization of cost. The Commission also suggested having a second speaker, who is locally based, as part of the lecture.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 pm.