

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014

Members present: Julieta Sherk, John Koonce, Dean Rains, Cari Jones, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Elizabeth Byrd, Brian O’Haver, Victor Brinton, Asa Fleming, Robby Johnson, Tika Hicks, Damien Graham, Rolf Blizzard

Members not present: Bang Le (*excused*), Jedidiah Gant (*excused*)

Staff present: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

SP-2-14 Abbotts Creek Elementary School

- The Commission supports the orientation of buildings on this site given the character and context of Durant Rd, and applauds the site design.
- The Commission applauds the separate routing of bus and drop-off traffic.
- The Commission suggests consideration of traffic flow of staging during afternoon pickup, given the proximity of the Community Center and future skate park.
- The Commission applauds the use of the fire lane for recreational use, and suggests the addition of landscaping in the area.
- The Commission suggests the addition of landscaping to soften the retaining walls.
- The Commission applauds the presence and design of the courtyard.
- The Commission supports the design of the gymnasium elevation and suggests continuing this language to emphasize the adjacent primary building entrance.
- The Commission suggests the addition of heavy landscaping to screen the west side of the service court.
- The Commission suggests of upright deciduous plantings adjacent to the west façade to control for strong sun.
- The Commission suggests the use of brick instead of EIFS on the entirety of the north façade.
- The Commission suggests the addition of control joints and patterning in building facades, and variation in the window selection and articulation to add a playful element to the design of these large facades.
- The Commission suggests design modifications and the addition of height to the canopy closest to the primary entry in order to tie into the larger portico canopy.
- The Commission expresses concern and frustration about the prototypical designs and budgetary constraints evident in the site and architectural design on this and other school sites.

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WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Design excellence working group

Julie gave an overview of Xiaolin's exemplary work on the design survey, and Kelli made a motion that the budget for her project be increased by \$300 to cover costs. Dean seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

SWRA working group

The Commission discussed the SWRA rebranding concepts, and after discussion, asked the working group to meet separately to consider rebranding and partnership opportunities. The working group will consider the SWRA's history and goals prior to deciding on any rebranding options.

Downtown Solid Waste group

Elizabeth Byrd gave an overview of the meeting with Solid Waste Services, DRA and City Manager's office, and the need to continue refining the findings to include in the annual report and any subsequent meetings. She also asked that the working group not be disbanded until that work was completed. Brian O'Haver reminded the Commission of the possibility of continuing this working group with a broader focus on downtown public realm design and maintenance issues. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.