

## RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 2014

**Members present:** Julieta Sherk, Cari Jones, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Asa Fleming, Damien Graham, Bang Le, Brian O'Haver, Tika Hicks, Rolf Blizzard, John Koonce, Dean Rains

**Members not present:** Elizabeth Byrd (*excused*), Jedidiah Gant (*excused*), Robby Johnston (*excused*), Victor Bruinton (*unexcused*)

**Staff present:** Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

### Sandy Forks Road

Plan review comments:

- The Commission commends the applicant for pursuing the Greenroads certification.
- The Commission suggests the use of edible landscaping in this project, while acknowledging the maintenance challenges.
- The Commission encourages the inclusion of large shade trees and benches where possible given the site constraints.
- The Commission also supports the inclusion of an educational area and kiosk as part of the project.

### Greenway Village Phase II

- The Commission suggests that the applicant consider the use of eased edges on Building 3 Type 4.
- The Commission encourages consolidation, and thoughtful placement of vents on the building facades.
- The Commission commends the use of breezeways and articulation in an effort to break down the mass of the buildings.
- The Commission suggests the inclusion of open spaces, plantings and stoops between the sidewalk and buildings to extend the breezeway gathering areas.
- The Commission commends and supports the inclusion of, at a minimum, a painted crosswalk, and ideally a raised and textured crosswalk.
- The Commission commends the retention of the grove of trees not required by the City's tree conservation ordinance.
- The Commission commends the applicant for working with the neighbors on the project, and for raising the bar on projects of this type.

### REVIEW OF APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 MINUTES

Bang Le called for a review of the minutes. Brian O'Haver moved that the minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by John Koonce and the motion passed unanimously.

### REVIEW OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the draft annual report and asked for comments within a week.

## **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### Design excellence working group

Tika Hicks gave an overview of the Activate 14 initiative, and the Commission discussed ways to collaborate with and support this initiative in the future.

Bang reiterated the desire to take the Commission's work citywide and suggested the use of the new North Hills amphitheater.

Brian suggested that these ideas be considered by the working group and brought back to the Commission for their consideration.

### Solid Waste group

Dean Rains gave an overview of the group's findings, and the Commission had a discussion of next steps and how that fits into the organization of the working groups in the next year.

### SWRA working group

Asa Fleming gave an overview of the group's work to date. Kelli Goss Hopkins reviewed the consolidated list of award categories and description of each. These will be made public mid-May as part of the date announcement and call for entries. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of awarding unbuilt work, and consider ways to acknowledge innovation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.