

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Members not present: Jedidiah Gant (*excused*), Robby Johnston (*excused*)

Staff present: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

SP-51-13 Walgreens Leesville and Strickland

- The Commission recommends the addition of further architectural detail, fenestration and articulation to mimic the rhythm of the glazing of the primary facades to the southeast and southwest elevation of the building. The Commission also suggests the use of brick detailing to these facades.
- The Commission recommends the inclusion of additional landscaping at the northeast corner of the building.
- The Commission suggests the use of trident maples instead of red maples in space-constrained areas.
- The Commission suggests the addition of a landscaped island where the striped pavement is shown at the southwest corner of the building.
- The Commission encourages future Walgreens developments to place the building closer to the street corners to encourage a more urban environment.
- The Commission applauds Walgreens for the updated prototype, and considers it an improvement.

SP-56-13 Walgreens Louisburg and Perry Creek

- The Commission commends the applicant for their attention to the detail in the design and detailing of the building.
- The Commission encourages the further use of plane shifts to complement the existing articulation and banding used to break up the side elevation adjacent to customer parking.
- The Commission suggests the use of trident maples instead of red maples in space-constrained areas.
- The Commission encourages the addition of planting areas adjacent to the building, between the sidewalk and parking area on Ramble Way, and on the embankment between the tree conservation area and service bay.

SP-21-14 2811 Hillsborough Street

- The Commission suggests that the applicant coordinate their planting plan with that of the planned NCSU Dan Allen Drive entrance planting palette.

- The Commission suggests the addition of plantings in the area between the retaining wall and curb at the west end of the site.
- The Commission suggests the use of a more durable material at the base of the building.
- The Commission applauds the applicant for placing student housing adjacent to the University and their thought in choosing commercial tenants.

REVIEW OF May 15th, 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 Dean Rains and the motion passed unanimously.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

SWRA working group

Cari Jones gave a brief update on the awards, and asked Commissioners to spread the word about the deadline, and encourage nominations.

Design excellence working group

Brian O'Haver presented a revised Strategy Diagram to the Commission, and the strategy for using the open-ended survey responses to guide future work, including a possible future survey, competition or series of critiques.

Solid Waste group

Bang Le reported that Council placed the item in Public Works Committee for a future presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

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