

## **RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Thursday, July 17th 2014**

**Members present:** Rolf Blizzard, Brandy Thompson, John Koonce, Julieta Sherk, Brian O’Haver, Asa Fleming, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Cari Jones, Robby Johnston, Jedidiah Gant, Dean Rains, Tika Hicks, Damien Graham

**Members not present:** Victor Bruinton, Bang Le

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

### **Site Plan Review**

#### **SP-15-13 Edison Office**

Ken Thompson and Neil Gray, JDavis Architects 510 Glenwood Ave, highlighted the changes to the project since the Commission’s previous review. These changes include the addition of a level of parking and the addition of metal louvers to the northern and western elevations related to parking deck ventilation.

The Commission had no additional comment on the case.

### **I-40 Bridges pedestrian retrofit**

Bob May, Wetherill Engineering, gave an overview of the project scope. After clarification and discussion, the Commission recommended the following:

- The Commission recommends the inclusion of fencing to separate the travel lanes and pedestrian paths on Rock Quarry Road, and if that is not feasible the inclusion of striping that further delineates the vehicular and pedestrian spaces.
- The Commission suggests the addition of a relief or additional detailing on the barrier rail on Buck Jones bridge where permitted.
- The Commission notes that there is an opportunity lost in bridge projects by not including artistic elements in these projects given the high visibility of these bridges from I-40, and the need to further protect pedestrians from adjacent vehicular traffic through the use of functional and aesthetically pleasing elements.
- The Commission prefers the 42” barrier rather than 120” fence, except for at the Buck Jones bridge.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Ms Sherk called for approval of the June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards

Cari Jones noted the need for sponsors, especially beer and wine sponsors. The Commission discussed prospective sponsors.

#### Design Excellence

Brian O'Haver noted that the group will be planning an idea exchange event and that will be announced at the SWRA

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed the previous meeting and how to handle courtesy UDO reviews in the future. After discussion, the Commission decided to continue reviewing courtesy reviews as a full commission for the time being, with further discussion warranted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:28 pm.