

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, August 7th 2014

Members present: Tika Hicks, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Cari Jones, John Koonce, Julieta Sherk, Bang Le, Jedidiah Gant, Asa Fleming, Brandy Thompson, Damien Graham, Rolf Blizzard, Robby Johnson

Members not present: Dean Rains (excused), Victor Brinton (excused)

Staff present: Elizabeth Alley

SITE PLAN REVIEW

SP-29-14 Wake Health Services

- The Commission recommends that the applicant explore ways to highlight the southern tip of the site, a very visible gateway into Raleigh, through landscaping or other elements.
- The Commission recommends additional landscaping or fenestration on the eastern elevation of the building.

Residence Inn Raleigh- 10% review

- The Commission supports a meaningful connection between material change and building components and the use a restrained material palette. The Commission suggests that the applicant consider the prominence of the western elevation in future design and materials selection.
- The Commission suggests that the applicant include planting areas, however small, in the service area for the benefit of hotel guests looking out on the space.
- The Commission suggests the use of a different paving material to underscore pedestrian right of way at the drive crossings.

SP-36-14 Raleigh Union Station

- The Commission suggested additional detail be paid to the pedestrian path through the parking areas to the building entrance.
- The Commission commends the design team for the thought and care to make the program fit into the environment and for a unique design approach to the program. The Commission also commends the design team for the artful integration of building and site.
- The Commission thanks the applicant for a thorough, clear and thoughtful presentation.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr Le called for approval of the July 17th meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards

Cari Jones and Asa Fleming gave an overview of awards preparations and noted that they will be calling for volunteers as the event approaches.

OTHER BUSINESS

Courtesy review

The commission discussed the courtesy review process, and the level of detail expected in order to get detailed comments. The Commission will convene a subcommittee or retreat to continue discussions on this matter.

Nominations Committee

Asa Fleming, Cari Jones and Brandy Thompson volunteer for the nominating committee. Nominations are due in two weeks, with elections at the first meeting in September, absentee voting will be allowed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.