

## **RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Thursday, October 16, 2014**

**Members attending:** Rolf Blizzard, Damien Graham, Brandy Thompson, John Koonce, Robby Johnson, Julieta Sherk, Cari Jones, Dean Rains

**Members excused:** Kelli Goss Hopkins, Victor Bruinton, Asa Fleming, Jedidiah Gant, Tika Hicks, Bang Le, Brian O'Haver

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

### **SITE PLAN REVIEW**

#### **SP-50-14 1300 St Mary's**

- The Commission supports the inclusion of a sidewalk on Wade Avenue for increased connectivity in the future.
- The Commission supports this sensitive revitalization and adaptive reuse of the site.
- The Commission asks the applicant to consider alternate dumpster locations away from the corner.
- The Commission suggests that the applicant apply a more cohesive design aesthetic to the site in order to further connect the proposed garage structure with the existing building, and better incorporate fences and other landscaping features.

#### **SP-41-14 The Cathedral**

- The Commission suggests the use of an alternate tree where red maples are planted in constrained sites such as parking islands.
- The Commission recommends the addition of vegetation to steeply sloped areas along the perimeter of the site.
- The Commission supports the use of a material other than asphalt for the plaza.
- The Commission commends the thoughtful placement and screening of the mechanical yards, and suggests that any necessary fences or retaining walls be complementary of the architecture.
- The Commission suggests the inclusion of simple plantings to complement the siting of the building, as indicated in the project rendering.

#### **SP-61-14 LGFCU**

- The Commission applauds the artful composition and improvement of the site, and finds the connection between the building and landscape laudable. The Commission also commends the reduction in impervious surfaces.
- The Commission suggests additional screening and patterning of the St Alban's elevation of the parking deck.

- The Commission supports a consistent material palette to tie the landscape features in with that of the building.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

As there was not a quorum at this point in the meeting, the Commission deferred voting on minutes.

#### **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Retreat feedback

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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