

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Members attending: Julieta Sherk, Brian O'Haver, Tika Hicks, Kelli Goss, John Koonce, Cari Jones, Rolf Blizzard, Robby Johnson, Victor Bruinton,

Members excused: Brandy Thompson, Dean Rains, Jedidiah Gant

Members Unexcused Absent: Damien Graham

Staff attending: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Hillsborough Street Phase II

- The Commission applauds the overall improvements to the corridor and recent project refinements, but is generally concerned about how this project prioritizes the pedestrian function and safety at the roundabouts. The goal for pedestrian experience should be safety, comfort, and delight.
- The Commission supports raised pedestrian tables to alert drivers of pedestrian presence at all crossings.
- The Commission suggests the inclusion of signage and enforcement to educate users regarding pedestrian right of way at crosswalks.
- The Commission suggests maximizing the width of the pedestrian reguges to the extent feasible.
- The Commission suggests consideration of oak trees within the roundabouts, and the addition of a small tree on the southwest edge of the Brooks parking lot.
- The Commission encourages extending the public art program to include all project phases in a contextual and unified manner.

The Commission discussed speaking in person or drafting a memo to Council regarding this project as part of the February public hearing. The Commission also expressed concern that this project was not reviewed earlier in the process. Julieta Sherk will draft a memo on behalf of the Commission for their review at their next meeting.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

November 6th and 20th, and December 4th meeting minutes. Julie Sherk called for a review of the minutes. John Koonce moved that the minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by Kelli Goss and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

SWRA Jury Chair Report

Elizabeth Byrd gave an overview of the Sir Walter jury process and the decision making of the jury, their history, and thoughts on how to continue raising the bar for design excellence in Raleigh. She also suggested naming an award after a key design advocate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.