

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Members attending: Julieta Sherk, Kelli Goss, Asa Fleming, Cari Jones, John Koonce, Jamie Ferguson, Jedidiah Gant, Robby Johnston, Brian O’Haver, Dean Rains, Brandy Thompson

Members excused: Rolf Blizzard, Damien Graham

Staff attending: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

SITE PLAN REVIEW

SP-3-15 Magnolia Glen Apartments

Commission Comments:

- The Commission recommends a simplification of the color palette, with gutters and bracket to match trim color.
- The Commission suggests the addition of landscaping at the front foundation of the building, to help provide separation between the building and parking area.
- The Commission encourages the applicant to consider the option of placing the apartment building closer to Louisburg Road, with parking re-oriented on site. The Commission notes that this development could help establish a street wall that is more compatible with the aspirations of the City regarding growth patterns in the area. No nearby parcels feature parking between the building and Louisburg Road.

SP-51-14 Holiday Inn Express Brier Creek

Commission Comments:

- The Commission suggests a deliberate landscape plan for the site, including purposeful placement and a more diverse plant palette.
- The Commission suggests additional plantings to screen the rip rap from the roadway.
- The Commission suggests the addition of plantings at the building base to provide pedestrian interest and visual relief for the flat expanse of the front building elevation.
- The Commission suggests the use of a more durable material on the lower portion of the western elevation and northwest corner of the building and at building entrances, at a minimum. Should a cultured stone base not be feasible, the Commission suggests the use of a darker color EIFS at the building base to address both issues of maintenance and to establish a stronger visual base to the building.

- The Commission suggests the addition of a plane change or break where the color palette shifts to red, to give visual interest and organization to the color shift.
- The Commission commends the applicant for a thorough presentation and use of material samples.

Commission Discussion

The Commission discussed submittal requirements for applicants, and methods for ensuring comprehensive presentations.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the February 19th meeting minutes. Cari Jones moved that the minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by John Koonce and the motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC/OUTREACH BUSINESS

Working Group reports:

Design Education working group- no report. Jamie Ferguson will join this group.

Standing meeting: second Thursday of the month, 5:30 pm at York Properties

Design Policy working group- Brandy Thompson and Cari Jones will co-chair the group, as Tika Hicks has moved to the Planning Commission. Cari Jones reported that the group will be requesting debriefs of Administrative Alternates from staff, will be creating a case folder of AA decisions, “cheat sheets” for Commission use, and explore ways of educating the public on how AAs will be heard and cases considered.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the success of the public lecture, and the desire to continue hosting similar events.

The Commission discussed partnering with Hopscotch Design on the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards. Julieta Sherk asked all Commission members to think about speaker opportunities, and the Design Education work to consider date options.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.