RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION Minutes of the Meeting Thursday, January 21, 2016

Members attending: Brian O'Haver, Chair; John Koonce, Vice-Chair; Asa Fleming; Lauren Dickens; Michael Kelly; Cari Jones; Candice Andre; Rolf Blizzard; Jamie Ferguson; and Valerie Jordan

Members excused: Jedidiah Gant; Dean Rains; Kelli Goss; Brandy Thompson; and Andre Johnson

Staff attending: Rotonda McKoy and Carter Pettibone

Administrative Alternate Review

AAD-1-16 9400 Falls of Neuse Road

Carter Pettibone gave an overview of the nature of the case and findings required by the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Jose Rodriguez with DHM Design, presented the requested Administrative Alternate on behalf of the Olive Park Retail Center development team and answered questions of the Commission members.

Chair O'Haver opened the floor for public comments.

Bob Paliga, an adjacent property owner, addressed the Commission. He asked what type of tenants would be in the building in question. Chair O'Haver said the Commission was charged with determining what types of tenants would in the building. Mr. Paliga added that neighbors were not happy that retail uses could be located in the building.

Chair O'Haver brought the item back to the table for discussion. He led the commission through each of the required findings, with discussion on each.

John Koonce moved to recommend approval, Rolf Blizzard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Working Group reports

Policy Working Group

Chair O'Haver gave an update regarding the Outdoor Dining Design Review working group.

Advocacy Working Group

John Koonce said he and Carter Pettibone met on January 11. He mentioned that the group would discuss an action plan for the year at their next meeting. He said the group would be working on recommending Commission review of City projects, name change and branding, and what partnerships the Commission could form with other groups and commissions.

The Commission then discussed potential speakers for a planned lecture prior to the upcoming Urban Design Conference in March.

Other Business

None

Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes. Cari Jones moved for approval of the minutes, Rolf Blizzard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.