

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2015

Members attending: Julieta Sherk, Cari Jones, Jamie Ferguson, John Koonce, Brandy Thompson, Jedidiah Gant, Michael Kelly, Brian O’Haver, Dean Rains, Candice Andre, Rolf Blizzard, Asa Fleming

Members excused: Andre Johnson, Robby Johnston, Kelli Goss

Staff attending: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

Site Plan Review

SP-38-15 Sheetz Hwy 401 & Perry Creek Rd

- The Commission suggests relocating the roof access ladder to a less visible location.
- The Commission suggests either removing the carwash graphics or using a less literal graphic, such as a geometric pattern or bubbles.
- The Commission suggests the inclusion of shade trees in traffic islands adjacent to outdoor dining areas, and consideration of outdoor dining areas away from the building in the grassy shaded area.
- The Commission suggests additional directional signs for the drive through area to prevent circulation confusion.
- The Commission compliments the variety of plant material included in the plan, and suggests the addition of understory trees adjacent to the sidewalks, especially along Louisburg Road.

SP-32-15 Dock 1053

- The Commission suggests the addition of high quality soils to the new traffic islands to ensure healthy tree growth, and the use of a heartier tree rather than sugar maples.
- The Commission suggests the use of a more diverse plant palette.
- The Commission suggests the addition of plantings and pedestrian amenity in the Phase II parking area.
- The Commission suggests the addition of plantings, perhaps vines, to soften the scale of the retaining wall along Atlantic Avenue.
- The Commission suggests the inclusion of green and/or gathering spaces if possible.

SP-49-15 West Apartments II Revisions

- The Commission has no comments on the phasing line issue.
- The Commission includes for consideration their comments from previous site plan review.

SP-46-15 The Auto Shop

- The Commission suggests the continuation of the smooth face CMU banding onto the left and right side elevations.
- The Commission suggests adjusting the garage door up or CMU band down to meet one another.
- The Commission suggests a horizontal plane shift or roofline change to break down the scale of the front façade.

Working Group reports

Sir Walter Raleigh awards project update- The Commission reviewed fundraising success, script refinements, and next steps in terms of event coordination.

The group discussed possible placement of a Hopscotch bar inside the SWRA event, and possible issues. The working group with will work to refine the concept.

Annual Report Review

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.