

MINUTES
The Regular Meeting of the
Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission

November 20, 2012
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission met on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. Present at the meeting were Chairperson Elease Goodwin, Eldiweiss Lockey, Janet Peele, Dene Moon, Gail Clay, Wayne Clay, Dale Streicker, and Pamela Graham.

1. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the September 18, 2012 meeting were approved in a motion by Elease Goodwin and seconded by Gail Clay. The vote was unanimous.

2. Updates on Projects

Ms. Graham updated the group on the downtown planters. Each planter has been replanted for fall with one structure evergreen and supporting vegetation at the edges. The evergreens include Fall Blooming Camellias, Hollies, and one Arborvitae. Some of the support material was chosen for color and for its ability to spill over the sides of the planters (ivy and prostrate rosemary). All of the perennial material removed from the planters has been saved and will be stored at Public Works for replanting in the spring. Public Works staff has agreed to keep the material watered during dry spells and will continue to water the planters as needed. Ms. Graham is trying out a solar powered string of holiday lights on one of the Camellias to see if it is effective enough to use on all of the planters next holiday season.

The spring landscape project at The Depot was discussed; the landscape will be maintained through the off-season and spruced up next spring with fresh compost and mulch, and any trimming that is needed. The perennials, grasses, and trees that were planted this past spring should be even more effective next year, and any bare spots can be filled again next spring.

A brief discussion of the Montevideo shells included the estimate for relocating them and an appropriate location for them. It was agreed that The Depot would be a good location if there is adequate space. Mrs. Goodwin agreed to have the mover provide a written quote for the relocation.

3. Holiday Decorations

Ms. Graham informed the group that the standard holiday decorations had been installed by Public Works ahead of schedule to accommodate the Holiday Open House conducted by the Aberdeen Business Guild.

4. Post Office Tree

As a result of complaints from the postmaster over the Crape Myrtle planted at their corner, Mrs. Goodwin, on behalf of the Appearance Commission, arranged for the tree to be trimmed to avoid conflict with the flag.

6. Other Business

Mrs. Peele brought up "Remembering Aberdeen", a project currently being undertaken by the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. Peele has some contact information for people who may be able to contribute to the history documentation efforts. She also mentioned that some photographs are archived at Page Library and offered to help locate them.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Dale Streicker, seconded by Janet Peele.

Elease Goodwin, Chairperson

Pamela Graham, Secretary