

MINUTES
Special Called Meeting of the
Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission

May 19, 2014
Monday, 12:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission met on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. for a Special Called Meeting. Present were Chairperson Elease Goodwin, Eldiweiss Locky, Janet Peele, Planner Jae Kim, Jim McRae from Public Works, and Planning Director Pam Graham.

1. A discussion on landscaping at the town limit signs began. Three of these signs are scheduled to be replaced with the new signs from the Master Sign Plan. Jim McRae advised that spring planting at the signs should hold off until the new ones are in. Pam is preparing a planting plan for the new signs for consistency and to best show them off.
2. Elease asked who can contact A&R RR about sprucing up and that the request should probably come from the mayor.
3. Ideas were discussed for moving forward with US 1 plantings without waiting for DOT. Pam advised that there is money in the commission's budget for doing this if they wished. Janet mentioned that Knock-out Roses planted in masses might be an option but would need to be irrigated. Pam promised to look into availability at Reeves Nursery and elsewhere and to discuss an encroachment agreement with Rickie to plant on DOT's right-of-way. Other suggestions included:
 - a. The bank along the front of the elementary school property, that it needed to be cleaned up and something planted beneath the sign and possibly other areas.
 - b. The corner of US 1 and Lakeshore – a bed beneath the large River Birch. It is on private property but Jim could probably arrange for it.
 - c. The opposite corner on the Sandhills Telephone property.
 - d. Main Street and US 1 under the crape myrtle. Pam suggested more Knock-out Roses with ornamental grasses behind to screen the fence that has not been maintained.
 - e. The Depot – fresh mulch, weeds removed, some new plants.
 - f. Mayors' Garden, Town Hall sign, Town Hall parking lot corner. Pam advised that someone has stolen plants from that corner multiple times.
 - g. Staff was directed to find other spots along US 1 and downtown to add color.
4. The Town & Country Antiques van is an eyesore and if its tag is not current can it be moved?

5. Elease suggested that a letter to businesses downtown and along US 1 be drafted asking for support for the US Open and sprucing up. Pam will draft the letter and send out.
6. Pam advised the commission that Bonni Markovich had resigned due to a job transfer to the Raeford branch of PNC that made it impossible for her to attend the lunchtime meetings. She asked for suggestions on a replacement.
7. Motion to adjourn was made by Janet Peele and seconded by Elease Goodwin. Motion carried unanimously.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Elease Goodwin, Chairperson

Pamela Graham, Secretary