

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission

March 15, 2016  
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Town Hall  
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission (ABC) met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. The meeting was held in Town Hall. Present were Chairperson Janet Peele, Dene Moon, Eleese Goodwin, Dale Streicker, and Stephen Greer. Others in attendance were Planning Director Pam Graham and Planners Kathy Blake and Daniel Martin, Allen R. Watts, Jr., Vince Zucchini, Amy Fulp and Jim McRae.

1. Call to Order.
2. Discussion, review, approval/denial of Facade Improvement Grant application #16-04

Planner Daniel Martin and Mr. Allen R. "Ricky" Watts, Jr., representing Ms. McGill, discussed the façade grant project for 215 N. Sycamore St. to power wash and repaint the front porch the same color, replace damaged wood and fasten loose boards, and to paint hand rails. Ms. Peele made a motion to accept the project as presented and Mr. Greer made the second. The committee voted unanimously to approve the project.

3. Wildflower seed program – featuring Amy Fulp and Jim McRae

Jim McRae and Amy Fulp discussed the Bayer CropScience wildflower seed packets programs. Bayer furnishes to partners for free 5,000 wild flower packets if the partner will distribute the seeds in the community. The committee discussed possibly distributing seeds to the schools, garden clubs, boy scouts, and other organizations. There was also discussion for areas around town to plant the seeds such as Malcom Blue Farm, US 15-501, bridge area, 211 S, bench on US 1, the Lake park, and around the new Town of Aberdeen entrance signs. Also the committee agreed to participate by purchasing 2 orders of the "deer resistant pollinator mix". The committee discussed possibly having a "best wild flower bed" contest for those that receive some of the seeds.

4. Discussion of a "Pop-up Flower" program to encourage seasonal plantings at downtown storefronts.

Director Pam Graham discussed this as a potential program for downtown shop owners maybe as a matching grant project. The committee discussed the merits of making it a contest and judging the flowers grown. It was suggested that a "buddy system" could be arranged with the various shop owners to assist each other with keeping the pots beautiful.

5. Discussion of location for new benches and trashcans

Benches and trash cans were delivered today. The following areas were discussed for location benches and trash cans: the "y" area, barber shop, corner of Knight St. and Poplar St., the "dime store" area on Poplar St., and the Bunker.

6. Budget discussion.

7. Other Business.

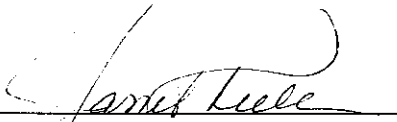
- a. April 29<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day. Perhaps a tree could be planted along Main St.
- b. Director Pam Graham asked Vince Zucchini, landscape architect, if he would like say a few words to the committee. Mr. Zucchini said it is a good idea to have a "big picture understanding" when looking at smaller projects.
- c. Ms. Graham noted that staff is working towards having the Downtown Streets Master Plan updated.

8. Lunch arrangements for 2016:

- a. Next meeting date: April 19, 2016.
- b. Lunch Arrangements for 2016

March 15	Staff	September 20	Gail Clay
April 19	Staff	October 18	Stephen Greer
May 17	Dene Moon	November 15	Dale Streicker
June 21	Janet Peele	December 20	???
August 16	Elease Goodwin		

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Janet Peele, Chairperson

  
Kathy K. Blake, Secretary