

MINUTES
JULY 12, 2012
APPEARANCE COMMISSION
MEETING

The Newton Appearance Commission met on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Zander's Coffee House.

Present:

Lori Wray
Jim Gargis
Melvin Caldwell
Jan Freeman
Collette Touchette
Jane Martin

Guest:

No Guest

Chairman, Lori Wray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

- A. Jonathan and Susan McClure, 1012 Ridge Drive were chosen as August Yard of the Month.
- B. The recommended mapping for one 2-mile route and two 1-mile routes around the downtown area to be marked and promoted as the Eat Smart Move More Walking Trails was reviewed.
- C. Commission members discussed the need to review the Power and Duties of the Newton Appearance Commission. It was decided to form a subcommittee to study the Power and Duties of Appearance Commissions in other cities and also what is included in the North Carolina general statutes. Melvin made the motion for Collette and Jim to work together on this study and report back at our next meeting. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. The Commission is looking into ways to "spruce up" the entryways to our city. The city horticulturist has requested our input on plantings. Another idea for consideration is the possibility of acquiring sponsorship for specific entryways with recognition of the benefactor.
- E. The Commission received a letter from the city notifying them that their budget for the upcoming year was approved.
- F. The Commission discussed putting a "Did You Know" spot in the city newsletter. The spot would pertain to city ordinances and codes that residence may not be aware of or that may be an issue in the city at this time. Gary Herman will be contacted to see if this is a possibility and if there is space available in the newsletter.

New Business:

- A. The commission is still in need of 1 new member following the recent appointment of Jim Gargis.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2012, 7:00 pm
Zander's Coffee House