

Appearance Commission Minutes

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014

Attendees:

Shelia Iveson
Collette Touchette
Tom Rowe
Alicia Rayfield

Melvin Caldwell
Jim Gargis
Sandra Waters

Guest:

none

I. Welcome

A. Collette called the meeting to order and welcomed all members

II. Approval of Minutes of Thursday, July 10, 2013

The minutes were approved as written.

III. Old Business

A. Financial Report

Collette reported there were no changes to the financial report since last month.

B. Fire Station Landscaping

1. There is no money in the budget to hire a Landscape Architect.
2. Doyle and Greg with the Recreation Dept. will draw up a preliminary landscape plan.
3. Collette will print out pictures of the suggested plants for everyone's review.

C. Reunion Booth

1. Seed packets were labeled and packaged in preparation for the booth give-away.
2. Entry form for the basket give away are complete with 400 copies made
3. Meeting times were discussed and it was agreed that the booth would be set up at 7:30am the day of the parade.
4. It was suggested that everyone wear the Newton shirts that are being sold for this year's celebration.

D. Patriotic Decorating Contest

1. The Commission members were given a list of all business and home entrants. Commission members are to drive by each sometime on Mon. or Tues. and submit their votes by Wed., August 18 no later than 6pm to Collette. Collette will tally the votes.

D. Downtown Light Pole Painting

1. Sandra happily reported completion of the light pole painting project.
2. A total of 121 poles were painted. This included street signs and road signs.

E. Appearance Commission Facebook

1. Melvin gave an update on the number of "Likes".

F. Adopt-a-Spot

1. Little's Median has been fully completed for the Reunion.
2. Hwy 10/16 Median is on hold due to decision on how to address the 2ft. deep layer of concrete.

G. Curb Appeal – Newton Style

1. The commission reviewed the 2 documents outlining the rule for the contest. Alicia stated some concerns about how the might leave some questions as to the homeowner's responsibility with costs and ability to provide some supplies. Collette stated it would be hard to be specific about these aspects until after the home selection process has been completed.

New Business

- A. A citizen expressed the concern over the overgrown grass and weeds along the Hwy 16 Loop from Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet to Conover. Collette will investigate and bring back findings to the Commission.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2014
Recreation Department – Downstairs

Notation: Highlighted sections denote an "Action Item," requiring action by one or more commission members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Collette Touchette
Chairperson, Appearance Commission
Sheila Iveson - member
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