

Appearance Commission Minutes Thursday, May 8, 2014

Attendees:

Melvin Caldwell	Sheila Iverson	Collette Touchette
Jan Freeman	Alicia Rayfield	Sandra Waters
Jim Gargis	Tom Rowe	

I. Welcome

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

II. Approval of Minutes of Thursday, May 8, 2014

- A. Collette called for any additions/amendments to the Minutes.
B. No changes were recommended. Jim made the motion to approve the minutes. Sheila seconded the motion.

IV. Old Business

Lead

A. **Financial Report**

Sandra

1. Sandra shared the budget report as of June.
2. Collette discussed the report and proposed an amount of \$100 for the upcoming Reunion decoration contest residence winner and \$100 for the business with the best patriotic theme.

B. **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Collette

- A. Collette and members remarked that attendance at the event was good and that the presentations were well received.

C. **Yard of the Month**

Jan/Alicia

1. Jan and Alicia reported on the June winners, Mr. and Mrs. Smrye, and asked for nominations for the July Yard of the Month
2. Several yards were discussed for review.

D. **125th Old Soldiers' Reunion**

Collette

1. Collette discussed the recommendations for Appearance Commission involvement
 - a. Booth on the Newton square with seed packets and other items for give away/advertisement.
 - b. Melvin will supply the table and tent; all will bring chairs
 - c. Collette shared the application/entry form and announcement for the Patriotic decorating contest.
2. Discussion was held about the business and residence Reunion Patriotic decorating contest.
 - a. Gift cards will be given as prizes.

b. Advertisement in both the Newton & Hickory Papers will be submitted.

- E. **Downtown Light Pole Painting** **Sandra**
1. Sandra reported that the painting of the light poles by city workers will begin around July 4th.
 2. The lift truck is now operational.
- F. **Appearance Commission Facebook** **Melvin**
1. Melvin gave an update on the number of “Likes” and “Visits” on our Facebook page.
 2. Members discussed several recently posted pictures.
- G. **“Looking Good” Update** **Collette**
1. Collette discussed the “Looking Good” letters to businesses
 2. **Members shared some areas that might deserve recognition.**
- H. **Adopt-a-Spot Update** **Collette**
1. Master Gardners has made progress on the adopted spot beside Epps.
 2. Collette asked for a list of other organizations that might be interested adopting an area to landscape and maintain.
 3. **Members discussed ordering markers to place at the spots to recognize the adoptees.**
- I. **“Upgrade a Yard” Project** **Collette**
1. This project will be discussed in more detail at a later date.
- J. **Other**
1. The median at Little’s is undergoing demolition and will be ready for landscaping in the near future.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2014
Recreation Department – Downstairs

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Freeman
Secretary, Appearance Commission
7/8/14