

# Meeting Minutes

## Streetscape Master Plan Review Committee

4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 12, 2013 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Members present: Melinda Herzog, Anne Stedman, Mary Bess Lawing, Max Sigler, Jeremy Petty, Betsy Mantak, Collette Touchette

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Members absent: Natalie Kincaid, Wilce Martin

Staff present: Rob Powell

I. Call to order 4:10 PM. A quorum was established. The members of the committee introduced themselves for the benefit of the new members.

II. Minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting were not yet available.

### III. Old Business – Downtown Planters

Melinda Herzog advised the members that Melinda Travis made a presentation to City Council at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting about the downtown Adopt-a-Pot Project and the Appearance Commission's and the DNDA's formal request to have the existing planter boxes removed. City Council approved the removal of the planter boxes. Melinda Herzog stated that the DNDA would be purchasing a number of flower pots to kick off the Adopt-a-Pot Project to improve the appearance of the downtown area. Collette Touchette stated that the Appearance Commission was working on guidelines for the flower pot project.

### IV. New Business

1. Streetscape Designers - Rob Powell reviewed a list of streetscape design projects for nearby cities along with the design firms and construction costs, where available. Streetscape/urban design firms include Lawrence Group, Arnett Muldrow, LandDesign, The Louis Berger Group, US Infrastructure of Carolina, and others. Rob said that he would have better estimates for the costs of a streetscape design project in about a week, but the best guess for now would be around \$50,000.

2. **Historic Preservation** - Melinda Herzog described the benefits of creating a county-wide Local Government Commission (LGC) to promote and protect local historic properties. Melinda is investigating interest for this project with the county government and the governments of all Catawba County municipalities. Hickory currently has the only LGC in Catawba County.
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V. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, September 11th, 2013 at 4:00pm at City Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Submitted by Rob Powell, Secretary

*Rob Powell*