

# **SOUTHERN PINES APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES**

## **Regular Meeting**

**April 8, 2014**

**Present:** Carol Haney, Birtha Shaw, Bud Bell, Bruce Fensley, Cos Barnes, Terrie Lenahan, Gene Maples

**Guest:** Vince Zucchini, Joyce Jackson

**Staff Present:** Pete Morris, Debra Fisher, Adam Lindsey, Reagan Parsons

Carol Haney asked if minutes had been read. Birtha Shaw made a motion to approve, Bruce Fensley seconded, approved.

**Welcome New Members:** Carol Haney called meeting to order and announced that Penelope Ham and Ashley Strickland were due to be appointed by council at their next meeting and introduced new member Terrie Lenahan she was sponsored by Bruce Fensley and welcomed guest Joyce Jackson and Vince Zucchini.

### **Landscape/Trees/Plants**

**Tree News:** Carol Haney announced that Bruce Fensley was now the chair of the Tree Committee and thanked the committee on the great job they were doing. Bruce Fensley stated that the planting was completed for Pennsylvania Ave. Some health issues with trunk canker were noted on some of the dogwood trees that they will need to keep an eye on and send samples to identify what the issue is. Carol Haney asked how many trees were planted. Pete Morris said that there had been 38 trees planted. Bruce Fensley stated that the Bradford Pears that were diseased would need to be taken out after they are no longer flowering. Bruce Fensley stated that the Tree Sub Committee meet on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and are working on the Landmark Landscape management plan. They decided to focus on Chapter 3 which is tree planting and chapter 5 which is tree pruning. They agreed to adopt the ANSI A 300 tree pruning standard. The down side is that there is no way that they can enforce the policy it's only a guideline on what we would like to have done. The next meeting is planned for April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Downtown Planters:** Bruce Fensley stated that the planter and design class at the Community College was conducted. They had 21 volunteer's and 4 representatives that attended as well as Jeff Grey who put together a street map with locations of planters showing the amount of sun exposure for each planter. There are 15 teams of volunteers with assigned sidewalk planters with locations. The volunteers can pick up their plants at Green Haven the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Linda Hamway and Bruce Fensley will be there to log the plants so that Pete Morris will have a detailed list of what people purchased. The sidewalk planters will be placed on site no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **General Appearance**

**Building and Property:** Birtha Shaw said that 83 S. Gaines St has been cleaned up. There is a gray house on the 400 block of S. Henley St. that does not have an address on it that is a hazard. 261 N. Hale St. needs to be sent another letter because of some safety hazards. Birtha Shaw said that now that it is getting warm now may be a good time to compile a letter to send out to residents about cleaning up their yard. Carol Haney said that it would be better to give them a little bit more time since it has been so cold.

**Adopt-A-Street:** Bud Bell stated that he does not have any new information. Carol Haney said that if anyone knew of any organizations that may be interested there are still plenty of opportunities. Reagan Parsons stated that he was contacted by the Carthage Manager asking to meet up with other Town Managers about putting together a county wide clean up leading up to the open he asked Carol Haney to give him the adopt-a-street clean up dates for the Appearance Committees when she has them.

**Cross Walk News:** Adam Lindsay stated that he and Corey Albers meet with a company from Florida, Gateway Systems, they have a different product that will go on top of the road and they stated that it is very durable, weather resistant, and comes with a three year warranty. The cost will be about three to four dollars cheaper per square foot. Their estimate was 32,000 for just the Broad St. historical area downtown. The Appearance Commission agreed to pursue the project approval at the lower cost.

**Golf Ball Update:** Carol Haney said that the golf balls are here and that they look great. Eleven out of the twelve are sold and there will be a write up in the paper. They will need a way to secure them. Reagan Parsons asked if they available for viewing so they could decide on how they would be secured. Carol Haney stated yes they are at the Community College.

**Litter Sweep:** Carol Haney stated that Ed Garrison was not there to report on the litter sweep and asked if anyone else was aware on what was going on. Pete Morris said that he would get up with ED Garrison about getting together the adopt-a-street groups for the U.S Open clean up. Bruce Fensley offered to put up a table at the farmers market and give out bags.

**Street Side Maintenance:** Gene Maples stated that 66 bags of litter were picked up for the month also on these road sides they did some pruning and have also began some of their herbicide applications in places that were hard to mow. May be a good idea to crunch some numbers on where the heavy littered areas are to see if they have been adopted.

**Welcome Sign Location Update:** Carol Haney asked Pete Morris if there was any news from D.O.T. Pete said he has not heard anything back yet.

**Sprucing Up Southern Pines:** Gene Maples, came up with a priority list. The Appearance Committee voted to select First Citizens Bank, Pineknoll, Southern Pines Fire Dept., Southern Pines Police Dept., Pinecrest Plaza, and Penick Village.

**Public Relations:** Costello Barnes, said that she spoke with everyone at the Pilot and that Arbor Day will be in the paper sometime.

### **New Business**

**Picnic Tables:** Vince Zucchini asked the Appearance Commission to consider having a picnic table made to go under the oak tree at the park. The tree would be made out of the Pine and Elm trees that had been taken down. The cost will be \$500. Reagan Parsons asked if he has talked with Robert Reeve about possibly using the budget from the project for the cost of the table. Carol Haney suggested to get with them to see what the plan is over all.

**260 W Pennsylvania Ave:** A new business is making improvements and wants to take old bricks that were removed and make a walkway to his front door in between the sidewalk and curb. He is going to email, Pete Morris examples of what he wants to do. Pete Morris would like for the committee to take a look at the email before making a decision.

Carol Haney asked for adjournment 1'st Gene Maples 2'nd Terrie Lenahan.

Next Meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by:  
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