

SOUTHERN PINES APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Birtha Shaw, Teresa Lenahan, Stefanie Summers, and Katherine Schirmer

Staff Present: Chris Kennedy, Reagan Parsons, Debra Fisher, and Jeff Grey

Guests Present: Bryan Rosenberg and Suzanne Coleman

Birtha Shaw called the meeting to order.

Committee Reports:

Landscape / Trees / Planters: Teresa Lenahan reported the Tree Subcommittee approved the removal of all tree removals requested at 224 N. Hale Street. The Tree Subcommittee discussed with Jeff Grey the plans for the remaining trees that need to be removed and replanted along Broad Street for the upcoming year. Jeff Grey and Chris Kennedy discussed the trees to be planted in the median on Brucewood Road. Jeff Grey will gather prices for both projects and will prepare proposals for the next Appearance Commission meeting. The Tree Subcommittee did a tree walk with Jeff Grey, Graham Purcell, and Joshua Dew on July 10 to review the health status of the newly planted trees and the remaining trees to be replaced on Broad Street. Discussion ensued regarding the large sycamore by the Broad Street Bakery.

Flower Pot Committee Report: Teresa Lenahan reported that the initial plantings in the six (6) hanging baskets at the Train Station / Welcome Center has succumbed to the heat and were replaced with white trailing vinca and appear to be handling the heat well. The downtown flowerpots are doing great and are needing to be cut to hopefully improve and extend their blooming period. Teresa Lenahan will meet with Jeff Grey to discuss the fall and winter plantings.

General Appearance:

Adopt-A-Street: Birtha Shaw reported that several Adopt-A-Street partners and other Community Committees will participate in a special Community Clean-up for the West Southern Pines area Saturday, August 10, 2019 beginning at 8:00am. Pedestrian safety and procedural expectations of the cleanup has been discussed with the various groups and will be re-discussed prior to the cleanup event.

Building and Property: Birtha Shaw stated her intent to focus on the removal of old, inoperable vehicles present on occupied and unoccupied properties.

Old Business:

Sprucing Up Southern Pines: Chris Kennedy stated that he would like to debrief from this year's Sprucing Up Southern Pines awards at a future meeting and discuss any improvements to the way

the Sprucing up Southern Pines awards are done in the future. Chris Kennedy stated he would also like to discuss Christmas decorations, tree replacements, and the concept of a Veteran Memorial placed in Town.

New Business:

Painted Ponies Project: Mr. Bryan Rosenberg presented to the Appearance Commission a program that consists of ten (10) fiberglass sculptures. Five (5) of them are of a horse grazing and the other five (5) are of a rearing horse. Each horse will arrive as unfinished fiberglass mounted to a base. Each Painted Pony is to be sponsored by one or more businesses on the block where the horses will be displayed. A small plaque will be attached to each base informing viewers the name of the Painted Pony, the name of the artist, and the businesses sponsoring the Painted Pony. The sponsor will select an artist with help from the Arts Council, who along with the sponsor, will come up with a theme for each Painted Pony. After approval from the Carolina Horse Park and the Town's Historic District Commission, the artist will paint the horse. The painted ponies will be revealed at an event tentatively scheduled for the end of January 2020. After the reveal, the Painted Ponies will be moved to their approved locations within the downtown where they will be on display for a period not exceed two (2) months. After the two (2) months, the Painted Ponies will be moved to the lawn at the Campbell House where there will be a celebration and live auction. The proceeds of the auction will benefit the Carolina Horse Park, a charitable, nonprofit corporation. Chris Kennedy inquired about placement in the Historic District, methods of attachment, insurance, propensity for vandalism, and damage to vehicles and concerns associated with these questions. Bryan Rosenberg stated he appreciated the feedback and stated that the bases of the Painted Ponies could be made heavier with water or sand so they could not be easily moved. Reagan Parsons stated the he has concerns with the Painted Ponies fitting on the sidewalks where there are benches, flowerpots, trashcans and lighting fixtures already in place. Bryan Rosenberg stated that the Painted Ponies are proposed to measure approximately 60"Lx38" "Hx30" W and for the grazing position and 53"Lx76"Hx30" for the rearing position. Once mounted to the base, they will be 4" taller as measured from the ground. Chris Kennedy stated that the requestors will need to provide more detailed information as they consider an application to the Historic District Commission along with more of a precise location of each Painted Pony.

Sycamore Tree Removal on Broad Street: Suzanne Coleman presented to the Appearance Commission ideas for repurposing the remnant sycamore tree trunk located at 140 SW Broad Street. The idea is to create a library out of the sycamore tree trunk that is 12' H x 32" DBH x 8' circumference. Two (2) large, healthy trunk sections were saved and are being stored at the Building & Grounds Annex for potential use in construction of the Little Free Library. Suzanne Coleman stated that she plans to hold a community fundraiser event for the cost of construction. Chris Kennedy stated that Ms. Coleman will need to have an approved design selected prior to applying to the Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Works.

Public Relations:

Katherine Schirmer stated that she will work with Chris Kennedy on a fiscal year-end public relations piece for inclusion in The Pilot newspaper.

With no further items to discuss, Birtha Shaw made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Katherine Schirmer. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Appearance Commission will be on September 24, 2019 at 8:00am.

Submitted by:
Debra Fisher
Town of Southern Pines