



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes September 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, September 1, 2010, by Chair Barbara Perry, in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Present: Connie Baker, Sandy Borre, Suzanne Casey, Diane Gibbs, Deborah Harris, Sean Meyers, Barbara Lawther, Sue McHugh, Barbara Perry, and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Sara Robinson

Staff: Mayor Pro-Tem Maggie Blackwell, Diana Moghrabi and Lynn Raker

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Perry called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 4, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Lynn Raker offered an update on the latest efforts of the Neighborhood Leaders Alliance Subcommittee and the grassroots program they are developing now called "Block Work." They will be combining forces with city staff, the United Way and local residents to improve the appearance of our neighborhoods "one block at a time."

Jackie Harris, Assistant Director for Rowan United Way, is enthusiastic about this partnership. She believes that she can support the project with volunteers and even expand the project to more days and more neighborhoods. Jackie plans to apply for a grant for the project through the Robertson Family Foundation.

Lynn and Barbara Perry met with City Mayor, Susan Kluttz, and reported that she, too, supported the project with enthusiasm.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be September 17 at noon. They hope to launch the process at the fall Neighborhood Leaders Alliance meeting and be ready to implement the project around March.

There is much to be done to get ready. Full participation from the residents is the biggest challenge. There has got to be some ownership from the residents. Property owners will be approached.

Staff and the subcommittee will continue to work on guidelines, organization and marketing. A suggestion was made to have banners printed, t-shirts and food.

Art in Public Places

Barbara Perry updated the commission on the activities of the Salisbury Public Art Committee. They are working on goals for their future. Decisions will be made regarding the Outdoor Sculpture Show and the History and Art Trail. Nineteen plaques have been completed and they will continue to do research.

- The Outdoor Sculpture Show was featured in *Behind the Wheel Magazine*.
- Tom Wolpert presented his coloring activities for children for the Outdoor Sculpture Show. It was very well received.
- Brian Miller offered a spot at the Empire Hotel to post artwork.
- The downtown post office will be closing. Lynn Raker spoke to Carolyn Athey at Rowan County (Rowan County owns the building) about getting the stamp art the children presented through the CAC years ago and putting the drawings in safe-keeping.

Landscape of the Month

The committee met this afternoon and announced that the residential winner for September is the home of Dana Curry of 321 S. Ellis Street, and the commercial winner is Bostian Retirement & Investment Specialist, Inc., 1400 N Main Street. There was a nomination for the Summit Developers parking lot on Lee Street for the October commercial LOM. Sue McHugh will make sure the signs are put up for the winners this month.

Grants

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APPLICANT	ADDRESS	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
Retail	124 N. Main St.	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 922.50	\$ 922.50
Bonnie Holder				
Signs & Steins	126-128 N. Main St.	\$ 18,506.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Clay Lindsay				
Lee Street Parking Lot	100 S. Lee St.	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 2,950.00	
Wallace Realty				

Innes Street Grant

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. DATE	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
Thread Shed	133 S. Main St.	4/26/2010	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,360.00
Dave Loflin					
Signs & Steins	126-128 N. Main St.	7/26/2010	\$ 18,506.00		\$ 2,500.00
Clay Lindsay					

Lynn Raker reported that Caniche has new awnings, but the owner did not have the information on how the grants could assist with the costs. Lynn provided guidelines and anticipates that Caniche will fill out an application in the future.

The Grants Committee (Sandy Borre, Connie Baker, Barbara Perry, Diane Gibbs, Sean Meyers and Joe Morris) reviewed an application today for 100 S. Lee Street (parking lot) and unanimously approved \$2950. (6-0)

The property is in the early design stages. This application is for \$5,900 for a survey, deed research, and utilities. (The current information is about 100 years old.) The ownership of alleys needs to be verified. This may lead to a public/private partnership for an intensive renovation of the site.

With the recent sale of the Hardiman Furniture Store to Dr. Steinman, this area can provide for additional economic development in the downtown.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The African American Heritage Trail has a new brochure which is currently being marketed by the Rowan County Tourism Development Authority.
- The Dixonville Cemetery task force has been appointed by City Council and is moving forward.

The cemetery was closed about 20 years ago. They have identified 480 names of people buried there. A consultant from NCA&T was hired; there will be interviews and public forums. The *Salisbury Post* has been writing about the project. <http://www.salisburypost.com/News/082710-dixonville-cemetery-monument-qcd>

- Update: Tom Wolpert created an activity book tied to the Salisbury Sculpture Show and made available for young citizens and visitors. It is now being distributed and available online. Great job! Thanks, Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting will be October 6, 2010 (the first Wednesday of the month).