

MINUTES
The Regular Meeting of the
Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission

September 18, 2012
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission met on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. for their Regular Meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from April and August meetings were approved in a combined motion by Elise Goodwin and seconded by Janet Peele. The vote was unanimous.

2. Fall Plantings for Planters

The group discussed options for changing out the plant material in the downtown planters for the fall/winter season. Suggestions included Carolina Cypress, Arborvitae and Camellia standards with trailing plants such as ivy or prostrate rosemary. The larger structure plants for the centerpieces can be used for 2-3 years or until they begin to outgrow the containers at which time we could find a location to plant them in the ground and choose replacements for the planters. Public Works has agreed to store the off-season plants and keep them watered through the winter. A request was made for additional planters and lighting of the plants during the holiday season.

3. Plantings at town limit signs

Two primary locations where town limit signs currently exist (US 1 near Biscuitville and 15-501 near TJ Maxx) are in need of plant material. Public Works used to plant them but have not recently. Suggestions included rosemary or some evergreen to be supplemented with seasonal color.

4. Magnolia Drive drainage

The Appearance & Beautification Commission has been contacted by Mike Thomas regarding the unsightly and poorly functioning drainage basin off Magnolia Drive on Robin's Walk. The site takes stormwater from Town & Country Shopping Center and was worsened when the housing development went in. The Commission would like for some response to be made to Mr. Thomas. Planner Graham agreed to follow up and see if improvements can be made by the town.

5. Tree at Post Office

There has been conflict over a large crape myrtle tree that is in a bed maintained by the Commission at the Post Office. The postmaster has complained that it interferes with the raising and lowering of the flag. Planner Graham agreed to look at the tree and give her opinion

on pruning to alleviate the conflict. Ms. Goodwin has someone who can do the work reasonably if we wish to do it.

6. Other Business

Ms. Goodwin asked about moving the Montevideo Shells. The house mover she has spoken with may consider lowering his price but it is likely to still be over budget for this Commission. Planning Director Liles may be willing to make a request of the Board of Commissioners for additional funding.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Elease Goodwin, Chairperson

Pamela Graham, Secretary