



City of New Bern Appearance Commission

City Hall Courtroom

300 Pollock Street

Minutes: February 13, 2020

Joseph Cannon, Chairman	Present
Mike Duffy	Present
Jim Dugan	Present
John Phaup	Present
Kate Rosenstrauch	Present
Molly Ingram	Present
Suzannah Cockerille Talton	Present
Foster Hughes, Director of Parks & Recreation	Present
Jennifer Games, Special Project Coordinator	Absent
Mike Horton, Arborist	Absent

1. Welcome – Meeting called to order by Joseph Cannon at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. January minutes were presented; Molly Ingram made the motion to approve, second by Kate Rosenstrauch. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote on New Chair and Vice Chair

After discussion Jim Dugan was nominated as Chair and Molly Ingram was nominated as Vice Chair. Mike Duffy made a motion to accept the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, second by Joseph Cannon. Approved.

2. Tree Removal Appeal – Crape Myrtle – 1402 Spencer Avenue

During the discussion of the tree removal appeal for the Crape Myrtle located at 1402 Spencer Avenue, Randy Toran, Steve Kelly, and Robert Lane presented their case. They felt that the Crape Myrtle at 1402 Spencer Avenue does not pose a threat, it is not a hazard, and it still has growth in the spring and summer.

They felt that the Crape Myrtle should not be removed. After the guests presented their appeal, a motion was made by Jim Dugan to remove the Crape Myrtle due to the tree leaning over. The motion was not seconded. John Phaup made another motion to keep the Crape Myrtle at 1402 Spencer Avenue. Seconded by Kate Rosenstrauch. Approved.

3. Review Mission/Vision of Appearance Commission

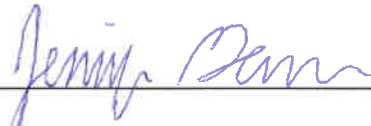
During the discussion on the mission/vision statement, different words were mentioned that individuals would like to add to the mission/vision statement. Some of the words included in the discussion were: assist, advise, recommend, strive, protect, increase tree canopy, education, promote, enhance, diversity, health, appearance, beautification, refine, and communicate, to list a few. Due to the length of the meeting, the discussion on the mission/vision statement will continue to the March meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Arbor Day Celebration will be Friday, March 20 at 11:00 am at Lawson Creek Park. All the Appearance Commission members are welcome to come.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm by Joseph Cannon. Second by Molly Ingram. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jennifer Games