

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SANFORD APPEARANCE COMMISSION
5:30 PM, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2014
WEST END CONFERENCE ROOM SANFORD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Members Present: Kenneth Laughinghouse, Irene Jordan, David Schau, Munsey Wheby
Nancy Kimble & Brenda Johnson

Members Absent: Deon Allbrooks

Staff Present: Liz Whitmore, Planner II; & Anne Sears, Clerk

City Council N/A
Liaison Present:

Guest Present: Irene Smith & Joann Thaxton

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 MINUTES AND THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2014.

Chair Kenneth Laughinghouse noted that a quorum was determined; he called the meeting to order and staff Anne Sears called the roll. Chair Laughinghouse asked to add New Business to the agenda to discuss street lighting.

Chair Laughinghouse entertained a motion to approve the agenda for November 20, 2014. Member Irene Jordan moved to approve the agenda as revised; seconded by Member Brenda Johnson and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Laughinghouse entertained a motion to approve the minutes for September 18, 2014. Member Nancy Kimble moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Munsey Wheby and the motion passed unanimously.

Guests Irene and Joann Thaxton were introduced at this time.

Old Business:

Staff Whitmore gave an update on the murals. The Mural Arts committee has met with Scott Nurkin, a muralist. He has provided two proposals of the baseball theme on the corner of Wicker and Horner and one proposal for the African American mural proposed for Wall Street. Scott Nurkin is a well-known muralist and he did a lot of research on the photographs that were provided tonight. Staff encouraged the board to go and look at the murals that Mr. Nurkin has done locally. Staff shared that there will not be any specific advertising for any existing business on the murals; but there can be for businesses that are no longer in business. If a non-profit business donates money then we could place their logo on it. Staff said she had met with Margaret Murchison about the African American mural that would honor Link Boykin and W. B. Wicker. This mural would be placed on Wall Street. Staff said that Mr. Nurkin would guarantee

his work for ten years and repairs within reason. Staff said that once the board has voted on the murals; the final decision will come from City Council. We have \$4,900.00 in funds. Mr. Nurkin gave an estimate of \$7,500.00 to \$8,000.00 per mural. If he is chosen, he said he would do both murals for \$14,500.00. Staff Whitmore said the Mural Arts Committee met and they prefer to do either one of the baseball murals first with revisions. The African American mural would be the second mural. Chair Laughinghouse opened the floor for discussion. Member Nancy Kimble made a motion that the board submits the baseball mural to City Council first; seconded by Irene Jordan. Chair Laughinghouse asked for a census of the board on which of the baseball murals they would like to see done first with revisions. (Either #1 baseball or #2. stadium). It was consensus of the board that baseball #1 be done first with revisions. The board asked to add more advertising and color changes. This mural would be in honor of Howard Auman, who played for the Sanford Spinners. Staff said Mr. Nurkin would start when the weather breaks. He said it could take 2 to-2 ½ weeks for the baseball mural and it may take three weeks or longer for the Africa American mural; because it is more detailed. The Africa-American mural will have the W.B. Wicker School placed behind the W. B. Wicker photograph and behind Link Boykin photograph; there will be pictures of buildings that he actually built. Guests Irene Smith and Joann Thaxton shared their input. Staff said that she has seen a photograph of someone throwing a brick during a brick contest that was here, many years ago. She provided a photograph and she asked the board to consider this for a mural and stated she would like to incorporate the event as well.

Staff wanted to share the rule of signage for the murals. If a non-profit organization wanted to donate to the mural then this would allow them to have their logo placed on the mural; but if it is an operating business; then they could have a plaque placed on the mural. Staff Whitmore shared that she and guest Irene Smith are in the process of writing grants. Staff is working on a grant from the National Endowment Arts Grant for a future mural. Ms. Smith is working on a grant to Pentair for \$25,000.00. Ms. Smith has suggested doing a fundraiser now by seeking out and writing letters and providing photographs of the murals to our business owners; asking for a donation to help get the first two mural started. Staff did note that once Mr. Nurkin, if chosen, starts in March the completion date is May 15th. It will mainly depend on the weather. Staff said she would keep David Montgomery informed. Staff said her goal is to have a Ribbon cutting. She would like to invite players from the Sanford Spinners ball team to attend. She asked the board if they knew of any other names to e-mail them to her.

Staff said she would send this information back to Mr. Nurkins for revisions. Staff asked Chair how he wanted her to proceed once the revisions are made. Staff said she would e-mail the photograph once the revisions are made for their opinion. The board stated that they would like staff to make the decision based on her discretion; once she has the final revisions from Mr. Nurkin. Member David Schau moved that Staff Whitmore contact Mr. Nurkin on some minor revisions on mural #1 and then present it City Council for approval; seconded by member Nancy Kimble. Staff said she will keep board informed by e-mail.

Staff Whitmore shared that a date is needed for trash pick-up on Fire Tower Road. The board decided on Friday, December 12th @ 10:00 am.

Staff stated we have received three Tree-City USA signs and they will be placed on our Welcome to Sanford signs. The cost was around \$200.00. Council had given the board money to buy these signs. Locations were named. More signs will be order at a later date. The Willow Oak tree on Hawkins will be removed either in January or February by DOT. It is in really bad shape. The round-a-bout proposed at Hawkins has been postponed until next year.

New Business:

Chair Laughinghouse stated he recently read an article on LED lighting and how cost effective and brighter they are. He has concerns about several of our main corridors coming into town not being well lit. He asked the board if they would like to make a recommendation to City Council to replace only the bulbs if we could do so. Staff said she would ask and see what types of bulbs are being proposed for our Streetscape project.

Staff gave an update on the Streetscape and Pedestrian Bond. She provided photographs that showed the plant material that was selected and how the streets will look after completion. Staff said the plan is to start with Jonesboro first. She added that the stop light at the corner of Wicker and Steele Street will be replaced with a four way stop sign. Bids for Streetscape will be opened on December 4th. The plan is to be finished by next fall. Power lines will be run underground.

Staff shared that she has a COA for a mural on the wall at Illusions facing Moore Street. Artist Chris Dalton has offered to paint the mural. It will have a three D effect. The panels are being painted at home and then she will attach them to the wall.

Member Nancy Kimble noted that the grass needs to be mowed on 421 North off Horner. (Diamond's Night Club). Staff said she would refer it to our Code Enforcement Department. Staff Whitmore said we could to move forward on the no parking in the yard and it is going to be placed in the zoning ordinance. Staff also stated that she is in the process of reviewing guidelines in the UDO. It will have to go before the City, County and Broadway. It will mostly impact the Rose-mount McIver district. There will have to be a citizen's input meeting first.

Member Brenda Johnson asked about the remaining businesses that are coming into town. It was noted that they are: (Ross, Marshall's and Buffalo Wild Wings). Staff said she would e-mail everyone the details.

Highlights discussed were:

- Mural update and proposal
- Trash pick-up day schedule
- Tree City USA signs
- Tree on Hawkins Avenue
- Streetscape and Pedestrian Bond update

Adjournment: Chair Kenneth Laughinghouse called for adjournment. Member Munsey Wheby moved that the meeting adjourn; seconded by member Brenda Johnson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted this _____ day of _____

By: _____
Kenneth Laughinghouse, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Anne Sears, Clerk to the Board