



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Appearance Commission

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to receive a report from a representative of the Appearance Commission.

DEPARTMENT: Planning Department

CONTACT INFORMATION: James Thomas- staff liaison, Sheryl Forbis- presenter

INFORMATION: The Appearance Commission presently has seven (7) members- having this many members is a first in many years and offers a setting of many different eyes on a project.

The Appearance Commission: 1.) continues to take part in the Development Review Meeting held the 1st Thursday of the month and offer comments on projects in the varying stages of the development review process 2.) complete curtesy reviews of all sign applications and offer suggestion to the applicant to improve the aesthetics of the proposed signs 3.) recently the Appearance Commission has completed a curtesy reviews of new dwelling units that are being built within the Neighborhood Protection District (NPD) on Old Pittsboro Street.

Some projects that stand out where the Appearance Commission took an in depth review and offered detailed comments to the permit issuing authority would be the new hotel that is to be constructed at the 300 East Main Street site. The Appearance Commission brought numerous ideas to the meeting, such as integrating brick from The Tobacco Campus into the new hotel, incorporating more green features into the hotel etc.

Another project that stands out would be the review of the improvements to the Wendy's Restaurant- in essence, the applicant brought one set of plans to the Appearance Commission's meeting and members stated that the aesthetics of the restaurant DID NOT fit into the architecture of Carrboro. The applicant came back the following month with a revised set of drawing that included all comments from the Appearance Commission.

The Appearance Commission continues to offer a comfortable setting where members and the applicant/developer can come to a mutual consensus. This is one the "gleaming" points of the Appearance Commission.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A