

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission

Minutes

August 10, 2021

Members Present: Melissa Pickett, Curt Andrews, Bo Henderson, Carol Knapp, & Chris Wetmore

Staff Present: Jennifer Brown & Cory Cathcart

Begin: 9:00 a.m.

End: 11:25 a.m.

May Minutes Approval – Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the May minutes. Mr. Andrews seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Budget Update – Mrs. Brown reported that approximately \$44,000 was collected for the FY 2020-2021 and we spent approximately \$33,000. Accounts will be confirmed when the annual audit has been completed. The budget for FY 2021-2022 is \$43,570 each, donations and expenditures.

Donation Letter 2020-2021 – Mrs. Brown distributed last year's donation letter for review. Mr. Andrews volunteered to update the donation letter again this year and requested content input. After fruitful discussion Mr. Andrews collected several ideas to construct the donation letter. He will send a draft for timely review.

Glen Burney Trail – Mrs. Brown stated that she has been approached by a resident, Mr. Jim Walters, who seeks to sponsor a marker encouraging safe passing and recognizing a girl scout leader from 1921 who fell off the falls to save a little girl. She showed renderings and reported that Mr. Walters will present to BRAAC in September.

Valley Boulevard Landscaping – Mr. Cathcart stated that Tyler Simes from Diversified Landscaping has completed one side of the landscaping with boulders on Sunset at Valley Boulevard (321). Mr. Cathcart will be ordering and installing plants in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Simes will begin the other side in the next couple of weeks after which Mr. Cathcart will complete the project with plantings.

BRAAC Meeting Dates – Mrs. Pickett asked if September's meeting could be changed to September 14. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

Other Business – Mr. Wetmore reported that the pedestrian bridge in Broyhill had water running around it instead of through it. Mrs. Brown stated that she was aware of that situation as well as other needs for Broyhill Lake. She explained that an important mission of the Parks Strategy Committee is to prioritize all needs for every Town-owned Park which will be presented to Town Council at retreat.