

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission
Minutes
June 1, 2017

BRAAC Members Attending: Curt Andrews, Bo Henderson, Melissa Pickett, and Jennifer Chick

Staff Members: Jennifer Brown, Chris Pate, and Ed Evans

Guests: Lee Rocamora

This meeting was called to order by Melissa at 5:36 p.m.

Approve May 4, 2017 Minutes: Bo made a motion to approve the minutes, Curt seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection/Hanging Basket Collection: To date \$28,730 has been received in revenue and \$5,300.23 has been spent. Jennifer Brown stated that a bill has not been received for the hanging baskets, planters, or flowers. She also stated that there have been problems with the grower having the plants that Chris and Ricky ordered so they have had to go and buy plants from other vendors so the flowers may cost more this year than previous years.

Broyhill Lake Fountain Update: Jennifer Brown stated that they ordered and received the parts to fix the fountain; however, when the electrician came to install it they broke a lens trying to change out a light bulb so they were now waiting on a new lens. She also stated that she received a phone call from a resident inquiring about changing the spray pattern to a more intricate pattern, so she inquired on what the cost would be to change the spray pattern and it would cost up to \$5,000 to change it. Bo made a motion to keep the current fountain, Curt seconded it, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Broyhill/American Legion Bank Grant Update: Jennifer Brown thanked those members who could come and meet with the group from Virginia Tech and give their input on the design project for the Broyhill/American Legion bank. Bo stated that he was very impressed on the intricate details and how observant they were of not just the bank but also the roads and paths that lead to the bank. Curt was also impressed by their questions and how insightful they were. Jennifer stated that another meeting is scheduled for June 27th at 2:00pm with them to go over their preliminary drawings and design.

By-laws Discussion & Update: Jennifer Brown presented the updated By-laws and stated that the Town Ordinance had to go to Planning Board and then to Town Council for approval and adoption. Curt made a motion to accept the By-laws, Jennifer Chick seconded it, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Other Business: Jennifer Brown stated that a resident approached her about mowing the Mayview triangle area because it is overgrown and she had a wedding on July 28th and her property is adjacent to this area. After further discussion Bo stated that Chris needs to come up with a design for the area and tell BRAAC what the area needs to look like. Melissa stated that it also need to be a design that is easily maintained. It was unanimous to not do anything to this area until a design was approved.

Chris stated that the relationship with the Garden Club is great and they have been working together which has been nice. The Mile of Flowers is June 23rd and he had mulch brought to them and Stella,

from the Garden Club, stated that it was the best mulch they have ever used. Stella asked Chris if he removed the grass from the corner of Laurel Lane and Main Street if the Garden Club could plant that area. Currently it is very grown up and weedy. Bo stated that we should talk to John Aldridge and the Village Foundation to make sure it wouldn't interfere with the second phase of the Laurel Lane project they have proposed.

Curt asked about Annie Cannon Gardens and if Chris had an opportunity to talk to Mary Vost Gray. Chris stated that he is currently working for her on the side and has been in conversation with her about renovating Annie Cannon Gardens. Bo suggested that having a presentation to present to her would be helpful. Curt stated that he would set up a meeting with Jennifer Brown and Chris to get started on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.