

## **MINUTES**

### **Graham Appearance Commission Meeting**

**October 21, 2019**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**In attendance:**

**Carla Smith (Chair), Jan Peterman, Ricky Hall, and Cristina Taylor**

6:30 meeting called to order by Smith

6:34 October minutes approved - motion by Smith, seconded by Taylor

### **BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION GRANT APPLICATIONS 2019**

Process:

Each applicant was given an opportunity to explain their project. The commission asked the applicant questions. The commission took a brief break between each presentation to score individual projects.

After all applicants had been heard the commission prioritized each project score from highest to lowest priority and submitted their scores to staff for final prioritized list.

Listed below are the applications which were presented before the commission:

- A. 120 S. Main St. Paint, Jose Lagunas
- B. 602 Washington St., Janet Ecklebarger
- C. 20 SW Court Sq., Jason Cox
- D. Forgotten Road Ales Landscaping, Janee Farrar
- E. Paris Building Clean, Chuck Talley
- F. Colonial Hardware Mural, Jennifer Talley

According to the results project B scored best, followed by A, C, E, D, and F. Early in the discussion the commission recommended awarding project A and B awards for \$5,000 and \$2,000 to project C. There was a suggestion to give \$1,000 each to the remaining applicants. The Chair asked each applicant whether they would still be able to complete the project if they were awarded the funds suggested. Only the applicant for project E declined given the discrepancy between the cost and the funds potential funds awarded. As such the commission opted to split the remaining \$1,000 equally between project D and F resulting in an award of \$1,500 apiece. Taylor made a motion to approve the funds as follows: 120 S. Main St. Paint, Jose Lagunas (\$5,000), 602 Washington St., Janet Ecklebarger (\$5,000), 20 SW Court Sq., Jason Cox (\$2,000), Forgotten Road Ales Landscaping, Janee Farrar (\$1,500), Colonial Hardware Mural, Jennifer Talley (\$1,500). Not awarded funding was Paris Building Clean, Chuck Talley. Seconded by Hall. All voted aye.

The Commission moved on to discuss awarding of the Residential Beautification Award. A motion was made by Smith for 1183 Jersey St to be the winner of the Fall 2019 Award. Seconded by Taylor. All voted aye.

There was brief discussion about next steps for the Better Block project as well as other potential AC initiatives. Possibly look at an art competition partnering with the Love Graham festival. This was tabled until more members could be in attendance for the discussion.

The Commission requested a Doodle poll get sent out to identify a date for members to fluff the wreaths for the County Courthouse. Finally, there was a request from a citizen to look at the downtown planters and work towards improving the landscaping in them.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm, motion by Hall, 2nd by Taylor.