



MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Meeting

April 6th, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Chair Zipporah Clark- Baldwin, Vice Chair Cheryl Ray, Clell Britt and Emily O'Dell.

Staff: Jonathan Buckley, Brandy McCandless, Kalie Gorham.

- **Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Clark-Baldwin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.**
- **Approval of the March, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Vice Chair Ray motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Chair Clark-Baldwin seconded. All voted aye.
- **Arbor Day**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Brandy McCandless to the floor.
 - Mrs. McCandless presented the Art Contest submittals. The Board agreed to distribute the appropriate prizes based on their respective age category.
 - The Commission discussed how to distribute leftover prizes from this year.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to appoint Rodney Foxx to do the proclamation during the Planting Ceremony. Vice Chair Ray seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin stressed moving the Planting Ceremony to a different day to increase participation. Mrs. McCandless responded that this could create issues for staff. Vice Chair Ray proposed tabling the conversation for May. All in favor.
- **Future Business**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin opened the Wayfinding Signage conversation and covered the presentation compiled by Renee Russell.
 - Jonathan Buckley asked what ideas or suggestions the Commission members have regarding signage plans. Vice Chair Ray called Jennifer Talley to the floor to offer her input.
 - Mrs. Talley presented banner designs proposed by GABA. Kalie Gorham and Mr. Buckley stressed that the banner project is separate from wayfinding signs.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to follow-up on the banner discussion with GABA's submittals included at the May meeting. Vice Chair Ray seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to hold a discussion about downtown benches. Mr. Britt seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Ms. Carol of Sandy & Company to provide input on the downtown benches.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin told the speakers they should collaborate to draft a plan to

- present to the Appearance Commission and be delivered to City Council.
- Vice Chair Ray motioned to table the benches discussion to May. Chair Clark-Baldwin seconded. All in favor.
 - Ms. Carol posed a conversation about a prior planting project. The Commission discussed why funding for this project was reallocated.
 - Vice Chair Ray proposed meeting with New Leaf Society to discuss involvement with the Appearance Commission and including the planting project in this discussion.
 - Vice Chair Ray motioned to table the conversation on wayfinding signs. Chair Clark-Baldwin seconded. All in favor.
- **Council**
 - Mayor Dickey asked the Commission if they would be on the agenda to offer their report to City Council. Vice Chair Ray reviewed a draft covering the Appearance Commission's duties and accomplishments.
 - **Staff**
 - Kalie Gorham provided an update on the Appearance Award advertising program.
 - **Meeting adjourned**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Vice Chair Ray. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

April 9th, 2026

