



Graham Appearance Commission Meeting Agenda

June 22nd, 2026

6:00pm Graham
City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of minutes from the May, 2026 meeting
5. **Items of Discussion**

Appearance Award:

5a. Submittals and Select Winners.

6. City Council Updates
7. Staff Updates
8. Adjournment



MINUTES

Graham Appearance Commission Meeting

May 4th, 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 6:05pm by Chair Clark-Baldwin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.**
- **Approval of the April, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chair Ray seconded. All voted aye.
- **Arbor Day**
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Brandy McCandless to the floor.
 - Mrs. McCandless gave an overview of all the Arbor Day activities and the Commission reflected positively on the events.
- **Residential Appearance Award**
 - Jonathan Buckley called on Kalie Gorham to speak.
 - Kalie gave an overview of the Award Program in its current state and encouraged the Commission members to participate in advertising measures.
 - The Commission discussed concerns with switching to self-nomination and suggested methods of encouraging others to participate in lieu of nominating others. They decided to move forward and reconvene about it in June.
- **Beautification Projects**
 - Vice Chair Ray gave an overview of the meeting with New Leaf Society and potential projects that could be pursued in coordination with Public Works.
 - Mr. Buckley gave an overview of the feasibility of each proposal.
 - The Commission showed interest in collaborating to replace the green planting boxes and requested including Tim in the conversation. Disagreement on what decision to make ensued and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- **Future Matters**
 - A discussion around the banners was held where concerns about the involvement of downtown businesses were voiced.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin motioned to hear audience members for their concerns. Mrs. O'Dell seconded. All in favor.
 - Chair Clark-Baldwin called Mrs. Amy of Sutton's At The Wrike to the floor.
 - Mrs. Amy voiced concerns about involvement in the banner designs as a member

- of GABA and sought clarification on funding and business collaboration.
- Chair Clark-Baldwin called Jennifer Talley to the floor.
- Mrs. Talley questioned the City's ownership of the banner's infrastructure and proposed GABA submit the banner designs independently.
- Mrs. Talley proposed replacing the planting boxes which were discussed earlier. Vice Chair Ray looped her into the New Leaf Society conversation.
- Chair Clark-Baldwin stated that she wanted to move discussions around the Beautification Projects to the July or August meetings.
- **Council**
 - Mayor Chelsea Dickey had no updates to provide.
- **Staff**
 - Mr. Buckley had no updates to provide.
- **Meeting adjourned**
 - Vice Chair Ray motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Chair Clark-Baldwin. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jonathan Buckley

May 8th, 2026

Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Application

Please provide details about your home for consideration.

Applicant Information

Griffin & Megan McClure

griffinmcclure@gmail.com

(336) 266-2802

622 Johnson Avenue
Graham, NC, 27253

Photo Submission



Optional Photo Session

No, please use my submitted photos for any City coverage

Additional Comments

No

Consent & Certification

Accepted

Accepted

Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Application

Please provide details about your home for consideration.

Applicant Information

Rikki Camarillo

emcamarillo@hotmail.com

(831) 383-8018

210 Stillhouse Farm Dr
Graham, NC, 27253

Photo Submission



Optional Photo Session

Yes, I am interested in scheduling a photo session

Weekday mornings

Weekend mornings

Weekend afternoons

Additional Comments

This garden was created as a space where my family could slow down, spend time together, and enjoy being surrounded by the sounds and sights of nature. Gardening has become a genuine passion of mine, and one of the things I enjoy most is watching the space evolve over time. Not everything always turns out exactly as planned, but that has become part of the reward — learning through the process and continuing to grow my knowledge as a gardener.

I also wanted to create a landscape that would help bring pollinators and birds back into our neighborhood. Seeing butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and other wildlife return to the garden has been one of the most fulfilling parts of the journey. While the garden is still a work in progress, it has become a meaningful space for me.

Consent & Certification

Accepted

Accepted

Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Application

Please provide details about your home for consideration.

Applicant Information

Wil Woodard

wilwoodard@gmail.com

(336) 266-7338

528 E Pine St.
Graham, NC, 27253

Photo Submission



Optional Photo Session

Yes, I am interested in scheduling a photo session

Weekend mornings

Additional Comments

N/A

Consent & Certification

Accepted

Accepted

Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Application

Please provide details about your home for consideration.

Applicant Information

Elizabeth McInerney

EMCINERNEY7@GMAIL.COM

(919) 433-7696

230 North Melville Street
GRAHAM, NC, 27253

Photo Submission



Optional Photo Session

Yes, I am interested in scheduling a photo session

Weekend afternoons

Additional Comments

I became a first-time homeowner in May 2025. I feel very proud of the home that I have created. My garden brings me so much joy!

Consent & Certification

Accepted

Accepted

Here is my follow up plan - Feel free to share this with the board and let me know if they (or you) have anything to add.

Follow Up Plan:

6/22/2026

- Select Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Winner (Special Meeting)

6/23/2026

- Email Recipient
- Email other applicants

6/25/2026

- Schedule photo session with winner (if-applicable)

7/3/2026

- Public Announcement
 - Facebook, Instagram, Website

Email to Recipient:

Subject: [Congratulations!](#) You've Been Selected for the City of Graham Residential Appearance Award!

Body:

Dear [Recipient Name],

[Congratulations!](#) On behalf of the City of Graham Appearance Commission and Tree Board, it is my pleasure to inform you that your home has been selected as the recipient of the Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award.

This award recognizes Graham homeowners who demonstrate exceptional pride in their property's exterior, and your home is a wonderful reflection of that commitment. We are excited to celebrate your efforts and share your home with the Graham community.

As the recipient, your home will be featured across City communications channels, including social media and the City website. We will use the photos submitted with your application unless you would like to provide updated images.

When you submitted your application, you indicated interest in scheduling an optional photo session with City media. We would love to coordinate a time that works for you. If you are still interested, please reply to this email with your availability and we will get something on the calendar. Ideally, we would schedule a time this week or next. If your

preference has changed and you would rather we use your submitted photos, just let us know.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Email To Other Applicants:

Subject: Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award Results

Body:

Dear [Applicant Name],

Thank you again for submitting your home for consideration for the City of Graham Spring 2026 Residential Appearance Award. We were truly impressed by the quality of this year's applications and the pride Graham homeowners take in their properties.

After careful review, the Appearance Commission and Tree Board has selected this cycle's recipient. While your home was not selected this time, we encourage you to apply again in a future cycle.

We hope to see your submission again soon.

Sincerely,