



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 E. Boiling Spring Road

Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

September 13, 2021

5:00 P.M.

City Hall

Appearance Commission attendees: Ann Hollingsworth, Chairman, Barbara Reynolds, Carmen Berk, Dale Richardson (excused absence) and Mary Pongonis (excused absence)

Special Events Committee attendees: Brenda Hogan, Joan Kinney, Brittany Tapp

Commissioner Liaison: Dana Witt

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ann Hollingsworth called the special meeting of the Community Appearance Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. The Special Events Committee attended this meeting to discuss Candidates Night.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Barbara, with a second by Carmen to approve moving discussion of Candidates Night ahead of Property Recognition.

Vote 3-0

III. Candidates Night

Ann has met with the Special Events Committee twice, to discuss airing Candidates Night virtually (on-line) or by utilizing one of our local venues. Ann and Joan met with a representative from South Brunswick High School, however once an agreement was made, the school cancelled our engagement.

Joan and Brittany were appointed to check into the possibility of projecting via virtual on-line (stream on Facebook), and how it shall be set up.

The question arose as to whether questions should be bullets in a Power Point presentation, where the questions should come from (committee(s) or public), the public through advertising around the city.

Dana volunteered to check into advertising Candidate's Night via the electronic sign.

Joan has recruited Devon Varnam as moderator. He is Joan's neighbor and a Baptist Minister in Southport. Time-keepers will be Mary Pongonis and Barbara Reynolds.

We will meet at City Hall on September 27 at 5:00 p.m. to rehearse each of our parts.

Brittany will create the announcement/flyer which should be short and sweet.

The committees determined the content of the newspaper announcement. Ann will then contact the local newspaper by October 3. She will also contact each of the candidates in written correspondence signed on behalf of the Appearance Commission and Special Events Committee.

Ann, Carmen, Brenda and Joan will distribute flyers throughout the city. Joan and Brenda will be in charge of taking them down after October 19.

Each candidate will be required to provide a brief (five (5) minute) bio. Each will have five (5) minutes to answer three (3) questions.

Voters in Boiling Spring Lakes will be given the opportunity to submit their questions for the candidates electronically using the City's website, Facebook live, or by using drop boxes placed in locations to be determined (ie: City Hall).

Mayoral candidates will go first. Candidates for Commissioner will go in alphabetical order by last name.

Ann handed out BSL koozies, compliments of the Special Events Committee and the Mayor's Cup.

Barbara asked if timers/timeclocks or cell phones should be used to keep time.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara, with a second by Carmen to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Community Appearance Commission Meeting.

Vote 3-0

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Old Business

a. Property Recognition

486 North Shore
2000 Gastonia

VII. New Business

Our commission would like to present Certificate(s) of Appreciation to both Boiling Spring Lakes Fire and Police Departments.

VIII. Announcements/Discussions

Due to Covid, Doshier Hospital will no longer be doing drive by disposal(s) for unused medication. The BSLPD has a drop box in the entry way of their office.

Citizen's forum September 16 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens may pose questions to the Mayor and the Commissioners. Any questions that cannot be answered that evening, will be followed up on.

Jeff Winecoff, candidate for Mayor has rented a shelter at Spring Lake Park for a "meet and greet" September 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ann thanked the Special Events Committee for the koozies.

Ann commented that the tribute to 9/11 in Southport was a beautiful ceremony. The Southport Fire Department, Police Department and Mayor Hatem were all present.

Barbara asked Commissioner Witt what her plans are for the future. She will be very involved with her family, her nursing career, etc. She has enjoyed her time as Commissioner.

Ann asked if there are restrictions on the \$900,000 (each year for the next two years) recovery fund. Commissioner Witt stated that the funds are restricted for sewer/infrastructure, expansion of fiberoptic cable, internet service, storm water management.

Ann also requested information from Commissioner Witt regarding Covid. Stating that there are still many unvaccinated young people. Commissioner Witt commented that a combination of unvaccinated individuals and the Delta variant have caused the number of cases to go up. Fortunately, the number of cases are currently going down at New Hanover.

Commissioner Witt suggested Oscillinium (over the counter OSCILLOCOCCINUM) a homeopathic medication to relieve flu symptoms.

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Pongonis
Community Appearance Commission Vice Chair/Secretary