



# The Town of Knightdale Staff Report

Date: January 3, 2017

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To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Jennifer Currin, Asst.  
Development Services Director

Subject: 2016 Appearance Award  
Recipients

Development Services Director  
Signature – CAH

Town Manager Signature – CAH on  
Behalf of HM

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**REPORT:** See attached

## **REPORT RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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For Informational Purposes Only. No Action Required.

## **2016 APPEARANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

One of the legislative duties delegated to the Land Use Review Board (LURB) by Town Council is to serve as the Community Appearance Board. While the LURB considers community appearance issues in their review of applications requiring their recommendation to Council, the LURB further serves as the Community Appearance Board through the nomination of an annual community Appearance Award winner(s).

The appearance award program is intended to recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations or businesses that strive to enhance the appearance of Knightdale. Staff began accepting nominations in October and the nomination period ended on November 18.

### **II. NOMINATIONS**

Staff received four nominations for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual appearance award: Panther Rock Blvd., Knightdale Station's Knightdale Blvd. median landscaping, Knightdale Station's roundabout art, and Oak City Brewing Company.

### **III. RECIPIENTS**

The Land Use Review Board voted unanimously to select a recipient from the beautification efforts category and a recipient from the renovated non-residential building category.

#### **Beautification Efforts: Knightdale Station Subdivision Roundabout Art**

The sculpture, titled "Henry Knight's Vision", was recently installed by Knightdale Investors, LLC within the roundabout at the intersection of Carolinian Ave. and Knightdale Station Run in the Knightdale Station subdivision. The art installation provides a significant investment in art in the Town. Furthermore, it reinforces the sense of place created in the Knightdale Station subdivision and further defines the entry to the Knightdale Station subdivision.



### **Renovated Non-Residential Building: Oak City Brewing Company**

Matt Keeler and Blake Cone opened Oak City Brewing Company in January 2016. Oak City Brewing is located at 616 N. First Ave., adjacent to the Knightdale Station Park. In addition to the interior renovations, they added an outdoor beer garden with pergola, which included a commissioned bike rack. According to the nomination forms,

- “They’ve worked to improve the exterior appearance of their building and drastically improved the appearance of that section of First Ave. Everything about their business is well done. The addition of the outdoor seating area is particularly of note.”
- “Kudos to developer, OC owners and architect for creating a fabulous gathering space, indoors and outdoors! Oak City epitomizes a “sense of place”! Amazing brewery created a family-pet friendly space...creating a culture of community! Makes me very proud of Old Town!”

