

*Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes*

The Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. The following members were present: Chairperson Ms. Pat Davis, Vice-Chair Ms. Sarah Rouzie, Ms. Pat Libby, Ms. Carolyn Hollis, Ms. Ellen Dean, Mr. Gary Pitts, Mr. Terry Underwood, Mr. Chad Watkins, and Mr. Josh Roberts. Also present was Ms. Brenda Shambo, Recording Secretary.

Pat Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, Foley, Alabama. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board.

Sarah Rouzie made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Gary Pitts. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – Ellen Dean mentioned that she would like for each child at the Foley Elementary School to get a tree seed started in a plastic cup. We are looking at about 1400 students. Gary Pitts is going to check with John Graham to see if we have a supplier that can get us the seed as soon as possible then Terry Underwood will get the seeds started. Pat Libby will get someone to say the prayer for us.

Beautification Awards – Pat Davis asked the board if they had any suggestions for the award, the Farmers Market, Hobby Lobby and Big Lots were mentioned. The board was asked to look around the City and make suggestions and report back to her, this needs to be completed by next month's meeting on February 10th.

Fall Decorations – Sarah Rouzie reported she would like to see bigger and different colored pumpkins, Brenda Shambo will check with Heather Prichard at the Farmers Market to see if she may know of someone who grows pumpkins.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Gary Pitts reported that John Graham has been working hard at the Centennial Clock tower getting those beds completed. John has the bed prepped at the Southeast corner (the truck bed) a 3,500 pound boulder is to be placed there. Crape Myrtles will be going in along Highway 59 in the median, this should begin in February. Trimming of the Rose Trail will begin the end of January. It was asked if we could leave the lights in the Crepe Myrtles along Highway 59 and 98, the committee said they should be removed. The committee did vote to keep the lighted spheres in the big oak tree at the Welcome/Visitor's Center due to it being the Centennial year. If the lights start to go out then they should be taken down. The special project of planting Wave/Drift Rose berms was approved but now we need to wait on the Pedestrian Bridge, to see exactly where it will land on each side of the road. Way back in the day, Foley was known for its beautiful gladiolas, so we will be adding them to several of the flower beds and planters. Mr. Terry Underwood gave us some history on the gladiolas and he is also working on getting some Irish Potatoes planted on the east side of Heritage Park for the Centennial celebration.

Tree Committee – No report.

Christmas Decorations – Josh Roberts sent me an email (which I have attached) concerning the Christmas Lights and what Riviera Utilities will do in the future to fix some of the problems we had last year. Chad Watkins reported that the committee last year had voted to spread the Cobra Pole Christmas decorations around so that it looked like we had covered the City of Foley. Now this year with all the complaints, he wants to make it better, this will be a challenge, but let's fix it!

Carolyn Hollis suggested that we get a committee together to focus on our Centennial Plaza, the Historic District and then the Pedestrian Bridge. Randy Kurtts said they are going through the bid process now and it should be complete in late September or early October, 2015.

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Ms. Hollis is to get this committee together with Gary Pitts and some citizens of Foley. While she was at market this year she visited with Jerry at Bethlehem Lights, getting some advice on what needs to be done at Christmas. This is our 100th Anniversary and we want the City of Foley to look fabulous. She talked about hiring a consultant to come in and help us with an overall plan. Gary said we need to get a plan, look at the costs, and then present the plan to Council. Gary asked that we check into banners like Gulf Shores has purchased for the south end of Highway 59.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Pat Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary