

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
May 8, 2018
2:00PM

Call to Order

Ms. Pat Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. Members present: Mr. Gary Pitts, Ms. Carolyne Hollis, Ms. Deborah Mixon, Mr. Terry Underwood, and Mr. Chad Watkins, Mr. Josh Roberts. Absent: Ms. Ellen Dean. Others present: Ms. Jeannie Harper, and Recording Secretary Ms. Brenda Shambo. Ms. Pat Davis announced there was a quorum present.

Mr. Gary Pitts made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Carolyne Hollis. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes – Gary introduced our guest, Ms. Jeannie Harper, she had asked Gary about attending one of our Board Meetings and maybe becoming a prospective new member. “Welcome Jeannie”

Special Projects – Gary discussed the Train Depot Repairs that are being done at this time, replacing the rotten boards and then the Depot will be pressure washed and then painted. After all that is completed we will look at our Depot Entrance Project, which is adding pavers a new Fountain and Planters.

Gary showed the pictures of the two Mini Parks on each side of the Pedestrian Bridge, flowers have been added, the pavers have been leveled and cleaned up. The Board talked about how nice it looks.

LaDonna had asked me if the Beautification Board was responsible for this project and that project, so I went over the financial statement to see what we had spent in the Special Project Account and made a list of our accomplishments, it is attached for your review.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – No Report

Beautification Awards – We are waiting on Tanger to let us know when they would like to take a picture with their Revitalization & Beautification Award for the back entrance.

Ms. Carolyne talked about doing another Award in August/September when everything looks nice, waiting until the first of the year, like this year, everything just doesn't look as good.

Fall Decorations –Ms. Deborah showed us some ideas she found on Pinterest, talked about making scarecrows, and we looked at a couple of large planters that would look great on two of the pedestals in John B. Foley Park filled with fall flowers.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Gary read John's horticulture report, the baskets and containers have been installed and hung. The poles on the south end of Highway 59 and a few along Alston Street have no baskets on them due to ongoing deep irrigation breaks awaiting repair.

The main corridor beds have been installed and we are presently working on the beds around Heritage Park and in front of City Hall.

We are watering all containers, non-irrigated beds, Gateway Signs, trees at the Event Center and the Mini Parks, three or more times per week.

Mowing/Weed eating Laurel Avenue and Gateway beds on a weekly schedule now.

Will be installing (6) Double Knock-Out Roses and (23) Drift Roses in the beds around the west end of the Pedestrian Bridge and the Mini Park.

Will begin working on the Rose Trail adding mulch and installing new plant material as well as other touch up work. John's report is attached for your review.

Tree Committee – Talked about the Century Tree Program, and asking LaDonna to put something in the quarterly Newsletter about the program.

Christmas Decorations – I will get with Rachel and finalize the paperwork for the Bid Packet so that the Board can ask Council if we can go to Bid on our artificial Christmas Tree for Heritage Park. Not ordering any new Christmas decorations until we get the pricing for the tree.

New Business – The Hamburg Building has had the hazardous materials removed and now people will be going through the items to see what is of value and/or antique and what just needs to be thrown away.

Read email about Ms. Pat Libby resigning from the Board, several of us want to go see her.

The Dog Park was closed May 2nd and 3rd then May 9th and 10th for routine maintenance.

Gary also discussed the idea of a Community Garden, Mike Thompson had talked to us about it last week, someone in the last Council Meeting had brought up the idea. Looking at possible locations such as Graham Creek Nature Preserve, Farmer's Market, Hamburg Building lot/yard, large field south of the Symbol Clinic and a few others. There are several options that may work, just need to find the best one. Ideally, the City would provide the space, and initial/annual ground tilling or prep work, then the community (individuals or Civic Groups) would take it from there.

I handed out the revised Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board New Member Guide and asked the Board Members to review it and we will make any additions/changes at the next Board Meeting. I have attached a copy with the minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Pat Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:10, Mr. Chad Watkins made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Carolyne Hollis seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, unless a Special Board Meeting needs to be called.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary