

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
April 10, 2018
2:00PM

Call to Order

Ms. Pat Davis called the meeting to order at 2:15p.m. Members present: Mr. Gary Pitts, Ms. Carolyne Hollis, Ms. Deborah Mixon, Mr. Terry Underwood, and Mr. Chad Watkins. Absent: Ms. Ellen Dean, and Mr. Josh Roberts. Others present: Recording Secretary Ms. Brenda Shambo. Ms. Pat Davis announced there was a quorum present.

Ms. Carolyne Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Mr. Gary Pitts. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes – The question was asked at our last meeting, when did the R & B Board begin? The Board was formed on February 18, 1980, active for 38 years.

I received an email from Mr. Pete Libby that Ms. Pat Libby would be at the meeting, then I received another email that Ms. Pat would not make the meeting and it has just gotten to be too much for her, so she is officially retiring. Thanks for your understanding and support. She will miss you all. (I have attached that email)

So the Board needs to be thinking about another Board Member to take Ms. Pat's place and several of us talked about getting together and going to see her.

I read the history of the Train Depot to the Board Members and have attached that information.

Special Projects – Gary discussed the Train Depot Entrance Project, being put on hold for now, until the Depot repairs are made and it gets a new paint job, then we will proceed with our Landscaping Project, pending budget funds being available. The Board also discussed the Sute Fountain, which was donated in 2006 for Voncile Sute, which is located in front of the Train Depot, it is not in working condition, and will be moved to another location with a new plaque, perhaps used as a planter.

I printed pictures of our two new Mini Parks located next to the Pedestrian Bridge, flowers are to be planted soon, and some additional work to be done to complete these two projects.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – No Report

Beautification Awards – The Revitalization & Beautification Awards were presented to Alabama Credit Union and Tanger Outlet Center, pictures were taken at the Alabama Credit Union, Tanger just changed out their flowers so they want to wait a couple of weeks before taking pictures.

Fall Decorations – Ms. Deborah is excited about working on the fall decorations, she's looking at different ideas on Pinterest, talked about making scarecrows.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Gary reported that the winter flowers will begin to be removed this week, and the new Spring bed change-out will begin next week, the Spring Flower List is attached from John Graham. The baskets and containers are being replaced this week. New pine bark mulch will be installed along the Rose Trail and other plants are being installed throughout the Trail on a sectional basis.

Tree Committee – Bob Grant with the Rotary Club wants to donate Trees to the City, Gary and John have been talking with him about ideas. They have a meeting scheduled on Friday with Bob and Dave Vosloh, it's a National Rotary Initiative Program, to donate 65 Trees, and establish a Rotary Garden. They have discussed a 100' by 200' spot at the Foley Event Center, which that will be too many trees for one area, so they are looking for some additional locations.

Ms. Carlyne also talked about some trees in her vacant lot that she would like to have relocated, nice trees. Ms. Sonya has been calling the City about donating a tree in the memory of her mother. I know Gary and I have both talked with her, just looking for a location, Rose Trail, Dog Park or Graham Creek?

Mr. Terry said he could still get some native azaleas if we have some place to plant them, may be better to wait until fall.

The Board discussed our live Christmas Tree in the park, there is a strong possibility that the tree is dying, the tree has a plaque on it, so we will need to replace the tree, maybe getting a more substantial tree such as a live oak.

Christmas Decorations – I have given the specs for our artificial Christmas Tree to Rachel, she is working on the bid packet and will get back with me, then it will go to Council to get approval to Bid. The Kiwanis Club coordinates the Christmas Parade, I talked with John Jackson about having the Christmas Parade at night, the members voted to keep it in the morning based on liability and scheduling.

New Business – I have attached a good article that was published in the Onlooker on April 4th about the Hamburg Building, “Foley High School looks to help with Hamburg building renovation”. I handed out the Spring Events schedule to Board Members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Pat Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:20, Mr. Chad Watkins made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Deborah Mixon seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary