

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
February 21, 2017
2:00PM

Call To Order

Ms. Sarah Rouzie called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m. Members present: Mr. Gary Pitts, Mr. Terry Underwood, Ms. Carlyne Hollis, Mr. Chad Watkins, Ms. Ellen Dean. Absent: Mr. Josh Roberts, Ms. Pat Davis, Ms. Pat Libby. Others present: LaDonna Hinesley and Recording Secretary Ms. Brenda Shambo. Ms. Sarah Rouzie announced there was a quorum present.

Mr. Gary Pitts made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Carlyne Hollis. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes

Chair for 2017 – Ms. Sarah Rouzie

Vice Chair for 2017 – Ms. Pat Davis

Foley Mardi Gras Parade is Saturday, February 25th at 10am

The Arbor Day Celebration is Saturday, February 25th at 1pm at the Coastal Alabama Farmers & Fishermans Market.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – Attached is the Program for Arbor Day, Checklist for 2017, and the Care and Culture of Trees Handout for the varieties that we will be giving out to the citizens. I will call everyone on the Program on Thursday, Friday, just to make sure everything is lined up, Mayor, Speakers, Foley High School ROTC, Pastor Joe, Baldwin County Master Gardeners, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, Mr. Will Limer, and the Boy Scouts. Martin Teem will be picking up our Trees from Waters Nursery on Thursday. Scheduling the Trees to the schools next week and will get pictures with the Trees and also of our Poster Contest Winners.

Beautification Awards – Ms. Carlyne Hollis will take over this responsibility and she will be looking at Businesses around town. She brought up Grumpy's Café, Yummies, Massage Therapy, and the Back of Tanger. The Beautification Awards were given in October of 2016.

Fall Decorations – Ms. Pat Davis and Ms. Sarah Rouzie have this committee with nothing to report at this time.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Mr. Gary Pitts read the report from Mr. John Graham, the Winter Flowers have had a tough run this year due to our heavy, infrequent flooding events, and the unseasonable warm, humid weather pattern. They are adding straw, trimming, mulching and weeding the flower beds and on the Rose Trail. Brenda brought up the Brick Colum's down the Rose Train need to be pressure washed. The Spring change-out is scheduled for the week of April 17th, the Spring Flower list is attached with some other information on mowing and changing out of the hanging baskets.

At the intersection of Highway 98 and Pine Street, Engineering is working on the flooding issues at that intersection, we will be doing the landscaping, estimated at \$7,000 to put in higher curbs and also put in electrical outlets, out of the "Special Project Budget".

Tree Committee – Mr. Terry Underwood said he doesn't know what happened to the little seedlings. We will look into ordering some for next year to give out to the Elementary Students, Ms. Ellen Dean will get the number of children that are in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders, and they will be the ones that would really enjoy learning about the trees and watching them grow.

Christmas Decorations – The Committee is looking at buying more Cobra Pole decorations to go down Highway 98 West to Hickory Street. Adding more Grapevine Deer at the improved Intersection of Hwy. 98 and Pine Street. New decorations for the Christmas Tree in the Park, more of the heavy duty red and gold bows for the Intersections of Highway 59 & 98 and Highway 98 and Alston. Adding more lighted trees on the corners of Hwy. 98 and Chicago Street. We had several of our Christmas Wreaths on the Clock Tower and Lighted Trees in the Children’s Village get struck by lightning, trying to get those repaired. Also, some of our Presents hanging on the corners of Hwy 98 & 59 are out and one down at the intersection at Tanger, also one of the New Stars at the Welcome Center is not working.

New Business – Ms. LaDonna Hinesley came to the meeting just to say Thank You for everything the Beautification Board does, at the Welcome Center we hear every day about how beautiful the flowers are and this Christmas Season the Citizens just went on and on about all the beautiful Christmas decorations. I also wanted to Thank the Board for paying for the photographer to take pictures this Christmas, this will be a great asset to the City for advertising. The Board reviewed the Christmas Pictures, they turned out very good.

Mr. Terry Underwood brought up that he could get a trailer load of Day Lilies if the City wanted to use them. Gary said he talk with John Graham to see if we had a place to use them.

Mr. Terry and Ms. Carolyne brought up about the Flower Festival that the City used to sponsor, it was a wonderful event and they would love to see it come back. The Committee discussed the possibility but it takes Sponsors and a lot of manpower to do the Festival right.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Sarah Rouzie adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm and Mr Gary Pitts made a motion to adjourn, then Ms. Carolyne Hollis seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary

