

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
March 13, 2018
2:00PM

Call to Order

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

Ms. Carolyn Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Deborah Mixon. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes – The R & B Board welcomed Ms. Deborah Mixon, Mayor and Council approved adding her to the Board at the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting.

Special Projects – Gary discussed the Train Depot Entrance Project, getting quotes for the landscaping, LaDonna, Brenda and myself are looking at plants, fountains and pots. When we have all the quotes and pricing, this committee will go and talk with Mike Thompson about an account that has money available for a Parks project, We're hoping that this project would qualify to get a portion of that money. LaDonna and Randy are getting quotes to replace the rotten wood on the Train Depot and then have it painted. This needs to be completed before we start with our beautification project.

The next Project were working on is the small park beside the Pedestrian Bridge, this was scheduled to be completed on Friday, March 16th, but with John Graham out with a new baby, it is postponed until his return the first of April.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – Our Arbor Day event was a huge success at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market. We gave away 360 trees, the citizens were proud of their three gallon container trees and with the varieties they had to choose from. The Mayor and Council Members were present. The Memorial Trees were given to Mr. J.M. Lee, Mr. Sidney Kaiser and Ms. Pat Brackin, their families were proud. The Foley High School JROTC, Pastor Todd, Will Liner, Boy Scout Troop 77, Master Gardener's, and Board Members were all there to make it a wonderful event.

Beautification Awards – The Revitalization & Beautification Awards were presented to Alabama Credit Union and Tanger Outlet Center, need to schedule pictures and get their signs installed.

Fall Decorations –No report

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – I talked with Rick Majors of our Horticulture Department, they have the Rose Trail trimmed back and should finish fertilizing today. Spring plants are coming in, getting them potted and they are growing in the greenhouses.

Tree Committee – The Cedar Tree located in Heritage Park that we decorate for Christmas is deteriorating fast, we need to start thinking about getting another native cedar tree to plant.

Christmas Decorations – The Board voted last month to go to bid for an artificial Christmas Tree to be located in Heritage Park around the Christmas Village. Brenda will check into what specs we need and get that information to Ms. Rachel Keith, Purchasing Agent, and then present to Council. It was also brought up about having the Christmas Parade at night, Carolyn said they have discussed it for years but couldn't make it happen.

The Kiwains Club coordinates the Christmas Parade, Brenda will ask John Jackson, I believe he is on the Board and see if they would consider a night parade.

New Business – The Hamburg Building which was donated to the City of Foley, will be renovated in several stages per Mr. Randy Kurtts. The first step has been completed with the clean-up around the building. The next stage is to get safe access into the building, being able to secure it and lock it up., then removing the hazardous materials. Getting authorized personnel into the building to identify items of value, removing those and storing them in a safe place. Getting a dumpster in place and emptying out the remaining items in the building.

Pat added that the Foley High School FFA students for a project, will be reclaiming a lot of the wood that is piled up in the Hamburg Building to be reused in that building at a later date.

The question was asked about how long has the Revitalization & Beautification Board been established? Brenda will have that answer at the next meeting.

Pictures were taken of the R & B Board for the Volunteer Brunch, will take again at the April 10th meeting. The Volunteer Brunch is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at 10am in the Foley Civic Center, I hope all of you will be able to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Pat Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:10, Ms. Deborah Mixon made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Gary Pitts seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary