

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
March 14, 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, Mr. Chad Watkins, Ms. Pat Libby, Mr. Josh Roberts, Ms. Pat Davis. Absent: Ms.Carolyn Hollis and Ms. Ellen Dean. Others present: 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 February 21, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Pat Davis. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes

The Board talked about the Arbor Day Event, and voted to keep the time at 1:00pm in the afternoon and also at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market. They also talked about getting a food truck out there so that people could come have lunch and shop at the market before the event.

The Elevators are now working on the Pedestrian Bridge.

The Lights on the Bridge are set to Green for St. Patrick's Day.

Engineering is to get electric added on the four corners of Highway 98 and Pine Street and also on the three lamp posts located on the west side of Highway 59, next to the Pedestrian Bridge.

The Dog Park will be closing March 27th through March 31st for maintenance/repair work, they will be pouring concrete at the entrance and water stations and then adding gutters.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day –The event was a great success! The Parks guys did a wonderful job, everything was so organized. Sarah thanked Brenda for all her hard work in planning and that this was the best Arbor Day ever. We ordered 300 Trees and they were gone in about 45 minutes, next year let's think about ordering 400 Trees to be given away. I passed around pictures that were taken at Arbor Day, School Tree Donations and our Poster Contest Winners.

Beautification Awards –No Report.

Fall Decorations – No Report.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – Gary Pitts reported that John Graham and his employees have been doing some maintenance work on the Rose Trail. The Spring change out will begin in about three weeks, in mid April. It was brought up at the meeting that it would be nice to have flower, tree pictures with arrows pointing to them with the names, on the City's web-site, so that citizens would know what to ask for at the local nurseries, should they want to go purchase them. Chad Watkins talked about how everyone always talked about how nice Fairhope looked, now they are talking about how beautiful Foley has become. Randy Kurts is working on the project at the intersection of Highway 98 and Pine Street, it should go before Council next meeting, that drawing is attached.

Tree Committee – Josh Roberts read over the Care and Culture of Trees that were handed out at Arbor Day, he asked Brenda to send him an electronic version, so that he can make some changes for next year.

Pat Davis has visited South Baldwin Hospital a few times lately and asked Josh to look at some of the huge oak trees around the hospital, to see if any of them would qualify for our Century Tree Program.

Christmas Decorations – Ordering Christmas decorations, such as five Grapevine Deer for Highway 98 then Christmas Banners for Heritage Park and Chicago Street. With the Christmas Banners on Chicago Street, I am planning on using some of the Snowflake decorations with them. Trying to get some of the items ordered so that we receive the discount for ordering early. Getting quotes from RCI for additional electric outlets on Chicago Street. Working with suppliers to get our decorations repaired that were not working at the end of last season.

New Business – Mr. Chad Watkins brought to the Board’s attention with the completion of the extended Pride Drive, which is just a grass median, when that road is turned over to the City, we need to look at getting it landscaped.

It will be the main road going into the Sports Complex and also OWA. We know that OWA is going to look great, so we don’t want them to make us look bad. Brenda is to check on when that road will be turned over to the City, we need to take the next step and make that area look beautiful. Chad talked about adding native trees and several different species of trees.

Brenda is also to follow up with John Graham to see if we have a location to add the day lilies that Mr. Terry Underwood can get for us.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Sarah Rouzie adjourned the meeting at 3:05 and Mr. Chad Watkins made a motion to adjourn, then Ms. Pat Libby seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary

