

Meeting Minutes
Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board
Conference Room
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535
May 9, 2017
2:00PM

Call To Order

Ms. Sarah Rouzie called the meeting to order at 2:02p.m. Members present: Ms. Pat Davis, Mr. Gary Pitts, Mr. Terry Underwood, Ms. Pat Libby, Mr. Josh Roberts, Ms. Carolyne Hollis, Absent: Mr. Chad Watkins, Ms. Ellen Dean Others present: Mr. John Graham, Mr. Mike Thompson, 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 April 11, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Pat Libby. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Notes – Information from Randy Kurtts that the replacement lights for the Pedestrian Bridge are in and will be swapped out the same week as the Centennial Clock Tower repairs, hopefully in the next two to three weeks.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day –No Report

Beautification Awards – Gary Pitts had sent out an email to the Board last week to consider the new Alabama Credit Union building when it's time to discuss the Revitalization and Beautification Awards.

Fall Decorations – No Report.

Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects – John Graham said they have been working on the flower beds in the Park around the Fountain and Clock Tower last week and into this week to get ready for Art In The Park. The flower beds on Chicago Street have some caladiums voluntarily coming up, lots of roots in those beds but will try to put additional flowers in there and straw. Changing out some of the hanging baskets, the big baskets will be going up in John B. Foley Park. The Board members all thanked John for the wonderful job that he does, the petunia planters and baskets are so beautiful. John said they have been working on the Fountain, we just put in new lighting and they are slowly going out, he's checking with Fran about the warranty. Gary Pitts discussed several Special Projects that he would like to accomplish such as three possible locations for Pocket Parks. Zana Price has approached Gary about a Pocket Park beside the Foley Art Center, which is a good idea. It would include a couple of benches, a tree and seasonal flowers. Gary said he would get with Randy Kurtts and John Graham to work up a drawing of what the Park will look like. Pat Davis made a motion to use some of the Beautification Special Project monies for this project, the vote passed unanimously on a second by Carolyne Hollis.

Tree Committee – Josh Roberts said that he and John Graham are working together and asking everyone to be mindful when choosing trees to plant, please check how evasive they are going to be on the landscape. Terry Underwood has talked with Mr. Faulk and we are in line to receive some Day Lilies. Brenda left a message for Leslie Gahagan to see if they had received the native azaleas that were to be donated to them. Terry said the best time to plant them would be in the fall.

Christmas Decorations – Brenda has ordered a few Christmas decorations and is still working on getting prices to repair our Christmas wreaths and presents that were struck by lightning. Received an estimate from RCI for \$3,500 to run electricity from the Anchor in the Park to those crepe myrtles on the corner of Highway 98 and Chicago, across from the new Alabama Credit Union, let's wait and see about the other costs first.

New Business – Terry Underwood brought up a series problem concerning how dangerous it is to pull out on some of the roads such as the corner of Satsuma and Cedar and also, Highway 98 and Pine. The trees and shrubbery have gotten so big that you have to pull out in the road to see if anyone is coming. Brenda will ask Darrell Russell to check into those intersections, if it's a City street and on the right-of-way we can take care of it, but if it's on private property we have to ask the owner. At last month's meeting Chad Watkins had asked about planting some trees on the extension of Pride Drive Road, Mike Thompson said that project has now been turned over to the City from ALDOT, but OWA is going in planting lots of trees and shrubbery so let's give it a couple of months and coordinate with what they are planting.

John Graham stressed that we had some problems with our Christmas lights on the trees, especially the ones that had been left on the small crepe myrtle trees for two plus years, the trees had started growing around the wires. They have now been removed but the trees still show signs of where the wires were. He also talked about the two big trees near the Fountain, since they have leaves on them now we can leave those lights in but we need to loosen and restring the trunks. After this Christmas season we will need to take all of those lights out of those trees.

Another tree problem, when RCI added the timers on the two big Live Oak trees in front of the Welcome Center, they mounted those boxes into the trees, which needs to be changed, John Graham will discuss that with them.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Sarah Rouzie adjourned the meeting at 3:10, Pat Davis made a motion to adjourn, and then Pat Libby seconded.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, unless a Special Meeting needs to be called.

Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary

