

*Meeting Minutes*  
*Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board*  
*Conference Room*  
*407 East Laurel Avenue*  
*Foley, Alabama 36535*  
*October 9, 2018*  
*2:00PM*

**Call to Order**

Ms. Pat Davis called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m. Members present: Ms. Deborah Mixon, Mr. Terry Underwood, and Mr. Chad Watkins, Ms. Ellen Dean, Mr. Gary Pitts. Absent: Ms. Carolyne Hollis, and Mr. Josh Roberts. Others present: Ms. Jeannie Harper and Recording Secretary Ms. Brenda Shambo. Ms. Pat Davis announced there was a quorum present.

Mr. Chad Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Mr. Gary Pitts. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Administrative Notes** – The Board voted to appoint Ms. Jeannie Harper as a new member of the Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board at our last meeting on September 11, 2018. Mayor and Council will vote on her application at their October 15, 2018 meeting.

**Special Projects** – The Train Depot building project is complete, the outside has been pressure washed, rotten wood replaced and painted. The inside has been repainted, cleaned and the displays have been gone through and rearranged. It really looks Great! Please go by and see the Depot when you have a chance. The landscaping in the front of the Depot has been completed and the new Fountain and Planters should be installed the first of next week depending on this storm that's headed our way. I brought some pictures to share with the Board of the landscaping, pavers, new Fountain base and the Historic Train Depot sign that has been relocated so that its more visible for visitors. The tiers on the Fountain will be lighted. A bit of history was shared at the meeting, Mr. Luther Arant built the small train which is located on the east side of the Depot and donated it to the City of Foley.

**Committee Reports**

**Arbor Day** – No Report

Working on our Tree City USA Application, its due December 1<sup>st</sup>, so I will be asking you for information.

**Beautification Awards** – No Report

**Fall Decorations** – The Fall Banners are up. The hay, pumpkins and fall decorations are up at 13 different locations throughout the City. I have attached some pictures of the fall decorations, they look Great!!! A special Thank You! Goes to Deborah.

**Seasonal Plantings/Special Projects** – Gary handed out the Horticulture Planting Update from John Graham which I have attached for your review. They are currently adding straw to all flower beds and gateway signs. Several Board Members commented on how nice the new City of Foley Welcome Signs look. The contractor is trimming hedges to a lower level to improve visibility when entering the highway. The Winter change out is scheduled for the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>, the plant list is also attached. Based on feedback, many of the beds will have a more formal, structured look, such as rows of color in the narrow Highway 59 beds. The larger beds will remain as a “Garden Style” with larger splashes of color.

**Tree Committee** –Terry has talked to David at Graham Creek about planting the Native Azaleas when the weather cools off. Terry and Deborah were talking about how nice the butterfly garden was at the school and the kids just loved it. It would be nice if we could add one at the new Elementary School that is being built in Foley, they will discuss it with the Principal when they are in place.

**Christmas Decorations** – All of our Christmas decorations that we ordered are in except some net lighting for Halloween and the trellis'. I plan on working on the Grapevine Deer, checking lights and just spot tying lights and limbs back on the deer. The Angels, Hanging Presents, Bows all need some work, the sun is dry rotting the spot ties and they are just falling off. Will need some help with those and then when we get the Tree ready to set up, I will need lots of extra hands. (Thank You). The lights will be going in the crepe myrtle trees next week and the Grapevine Deer are scheduled to go up Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Then the first of November you will begin seeing Christmas!!!

**New Business** – Chad talked with us about the new Solar Panel Display that is located in front of the Foley Justice Center on Highway 59, which is a program between AMEA, Riviera Utilities and the City of Foley. It will be used as an educational tool to show people how solar array works in our area, different types of outputs that they'll get, and what they can expect from it. The array is fenced and will be landscaped, he will bring the design to our next meeting.

For a 2019 Project, Gary discussed re-landscaping around the Centennial Clock Tower, planting those 4 beds with Drift Roses that will tie in with the Fountain landscaping. Then tearing out the existing pavers at the Fountain and adding new clay pavers to match those at the Clock Tower. This will create a seamless landscape for this location.

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

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

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Brenda W. Shambo, Recording Secretary