

Lee's Summit Beautification Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Strother Conference Room
220 SE Green St. LSMO

The meeting was **called to order** by chairman, Kim Fritchie at 6:08 p.m. Those in attendance were: Carol Rothwell, Kim Fritchie, Laura Dawson, Sarah DeBray and Andy Carr. The January **minutes** were approved as sent with a motion by Carol and seconded by Sarah. Andy handed out the **budget report**. New items on this report included the mums at the Main St. corners, the flag pole and the Christmas ribbon.

Tree Board - Carol had nothing new to report. The flagpole will be set soon according to Andy if we all approve of his site selection. This was approved.

ROW - Andy, Casey, and Devin met with MoDot about natives in the area of 470 and 350.

There is a meeting for a grant for 20 acres of natives. This will be for wildflower pollinators with \$40,000 for the seed and installation. Missouri Dept. of Conservation (Steve VanRyan), MoDot and our city representatives will meet on Friday 2-10-17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Strother Conference Room. There was also discussion about a new park in northwestern Joplin that features wildflowers.

We need to set up a committee to talk about the ROW presentation. We need to talk to the LS Optimist Club and Growing Together through MoDot among other groups. Kim is attending a LS Chamber luncheon next week and will gather information about when it would be good to talk to them.

Charlotte has put the valentines in the **planters**. Donnie Rodgers has ordered the 17 new planter pots. They will be shipped to John at Rosehill to be placed and Rosehill will contact Kim about placement. The cost for these planters is approx. \$12,280 and includes the planters, soil and plant material for the initial planting thanks to Downtown Lee's Summit. Right now we have 11 large planters and 24 smaller planters.

We will plant **pansies** in the pots we have set sometime at the end of March 2017. We will set this up at our March meeting. Roger has graciously volunteered to remove the red ribbon and hearts after Valentine's Day.

Sweep the Summit is planned for Arbor Day on 4-22-17. We will clean 3 parks which will include Lea McKeighan South, Lowenstein and Harris Station Park. Last year's Sweep the Summit was held on 4-23-16. Kim will email the high school teachers with this information and we also discussed planting a tree at an area elementary school. We would also like to hand out saplings to the kindergarten classes. We will contact the principal at Lee's Summit Elementary to see if they are interested.

The money for the **monument** was tabled until we had more members present.

Other business - we need to think about what to do with the yews that are in the planters downtown.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dawson, Recording Secretary