

BEAUTIFICATION MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Present: Kim Fritchie, Randy Cain, Sue Forbes Carol Rothwell, Bruce Holiman, Sarah DeBray

Chair Kim Fritchie opened the meeting at 6:00. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

BUDGET: The budget was reviewed, and it was noted that the Rosehill expenses for watering was down due to the rainy summer.

TREE BOARD: Re the Tree Board, Carol has learned that the City has an arborist, but that's not her actual job description. Kim has met with the City re the tree ordinance, and reviewed the approaches of a few other cities. Cleveland's approach seemed one to emulate. The first step is for the City to apply to the Mo. Department of Conservation for funding for a tree review. Carol has experience in this process, and she agreed to review the procedure and provide the information to the City.

A citizen, Dale Coy, inquired as to when we would make a presentation to City Council, as required annually by the ordinance. Kim suggested that we report to the council exactly where we are by means of an Item of Information.

DOWNTOWN PLANTER: Andy reported that the new pots in front of the Lee's Summit Historical Society should be installed any day. Kim stated that we need to call Sue at the Society, as she wanted to be present so as to help direct the exact location of the pots. She will get her contact # to Andy.

ROW UPDATE: Kim and Andy reported on the Right of Way project. They presented a PowerPoint to the Governmental Relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce a couple of weeks ago. Andy reported that 6 feet of weeded area was left in the middle of 291 at MoDot's request. Tony Miller and Bill Brown expressed interest in expanding the project along 470, near the proposed Soccer complex. Another ROW presentation will be made to the general public at the Gamber Center on October 10 at 7. The Commission's meeting date and time for October has been moved to the Gamber Center, and will begin at 6:00.

ADOPT-A-SPOT:

Andy reported that the landscaped area at 4th and Main is in need of some attention, but that since we need to reduce the amount of plant material there anyway we will hold off until

after winter. The Commission considered installing some mums at the spot near the depot, but decided not to do so since the flowers installed there are holding their own.

MONUMENT PROJECT: Randy volunteered to contact Ron Williams and _____ re the status of the next Monument. Kim asked about landscaping at the current monument, and Andy reported that he has planted and watered wildflowers in front of the structure. Hopefully, they will bloom next year. Randy also volunteered to contact MODot re mowing needed along 350 under the Chipman and 3rd street bridges.

NEW MEMBERS: Randy volunteered to call Shirley Geier and ask her to re-apply to the Commission.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: The October meeting will be moved to the Gamber Center, at 6:00. It was decided that the first 30 minutes of the Nov. 7 meeting will be devoted to planning, and the assigning of specific jobs to specific members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall W. Cain