

Lee's Summit Beautification Commission Minutes  
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:00 p.m.  
Yellowstone Conference Room, Gamber Center  
Lee's Summit, MO

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:02 p.m. Those in attendance were: Kim Fritchie, Sarah DeBray, Andy Carr, Charlotte Lea, Randy Cain, Carol Rothwell, Andy Carr, Robert Sanchez, Laura Dawson and guest, Dale Coy. The **minutes** submitted by Bruce from the June 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by Randy, seconded by Carol. There was some discussion about who would step up to be recording secretary next month. Randy agreed to be the sub. Laura will do the minutes this month. Andy presented the **budget** with the final Sweep the Summit numbers and downtown planter numbers. This is the final budget for the year June 2016-June 2017. Robert suggested leaving a two month leeway for orders for the budget.

**Tree Board** - Carol shared new photos of the areas we planted trees in Joplin after the tornado in 2011. Dale Coy shared his concerns about a Lee's Summit city ordinance requiring the city to have a procedure in place to deal with dead and trees in ROW's. Meetings have been held and future meetings planned, to set up a process to deal with this issue. Andy, Joe Snook, Robert Sanchez, Kim and Carol met to begin to develop a tree plan for the future. Andy asked that any information about dead trees or trees in right of ways be passed on to him so he can contact Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recs has the responsibility to study, investigate, counsel, develop and/or annually administer tree protocol.

**Landscape Awards** - The awards ceremony will be Aug. 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Gamber Center. Andy will purchase two trays of cookies and Carol will provide punch. The signs are ready, along with the letters from our Mayor. Kim has the prizes to hand out. Laura will do the PowerPoint. Dan has the invitation letter ready to send to the Park Board and city council members and Kim will send an email to invite the Mayor.

**ROW Update** - The previous dates of Sept. 19 and 26th will not work for Gamber so we need to find new dates. Sept. 5, 2017 (with the regular meeting held after) or Sept 12, 2017 were chosen. Andy will check availability. Andy was contacted to mow out the grass on Hwy 291 so the land can be sprayed within the next two weeks. It cannot be too hot or windy to spray the chemical. The Mayor is to sign the Monarch Pledge (ceremonial) for Mary Nemechek's grant. Other follow through items are communication with the public to encourage planting milkweed and other butterfly/monarch habitats, change mowing ordinances with MoDot, inform city managers of the importance of milkweed and other nectar plants by issue of a proclamation. Community garden groups can also be encouraged to plant Monarch friendly habitats.

**Downtown Planters @ LS Historical Museum** - We will order two planters and pay for planting and waterings for the museum. This will be on the 2018 budget. Rosehill just completed and added plantings to the 3rd Street flower beds by the railroad tracks.

**Announcements** - Kim asked members to consider volunteering for the secretary position as Laura has officially resigned after the Landscape Contest. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Dawson, Recording Secretary

