

LEE'S SUMMIT BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of the 8/7/18 Meeting

Attended by: Sue Forbes, Sarah DeBray, Leila Raymond, Charlotte Lea, Kim Fritchie, Donna Nuccio, Carol Rothwell, Bruce Holiman, and Randy Cain  
Guests: Brooke Chestnut (Parks) and Mr. Coy

Kim called the meeting to order at 5:32 in the Gamber Center. The meeting was held early due to the Landscape Contest Reception following at 7:00.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The financial report was reviewed. Payment of \$850 to Tallgrass was to cover re-doing the plantings at 4<sup>th</sup> and West Main. They added butterfly attractors and a drip irrigation system.

Tree Board: Brooke reminded us that we will not know about the TRIM Grant until September, but we hope to receive the \$25,000 grant and another next year to begin implementing a tree plan resulting from the knowledge we gain from the inventory of existing trees. The Legal department is working with Brooke on an ordinance. It will require enforcement and will need to cover rules for developers of new construction, tree replacement, etc.

Landscape Awards: Everything is prepared for the evening, which will begin with refreshments and a video of all entries. A second video will announce the winners. Leila and Charlotte are grateful to Collin McCage for producing the videos.

Right of Way progress: Just as publicity came out about the beautiful wildflowers blooming in the 291 median, MoDOT mowed it! Next it will need spraying and possible re-seeding since this year's flowers didn't get to self-seed. We need more milkweed, and will need a better mowing schedule for next year. Rain is badly needed!

Reducing use of plastics: Randy will review a letter drafted by Carol and add photos, to be sent to fast food, gas stations and grocers to encourage them to reduce plastics for the sake of the environment and the appearance of our community. Several members offered to talk to major retailers.

Other: Congratulations to Andy Carr for his promotion to Parks Operations Manager. Brooke reported that MoDOT has jurisdiction of the new traffic circle until September, then the City gets it. She also said the City has no jurisdiction to landscape the Lakewood monument. Beautification earlier allocated \$1,000 toward landscaping. Natives have been planted but will take 3-5 years to reach peak and there is a desire to make the areas look more polished now.

Mr. Coy reminded the Commission about the promised sign for the ROW project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

