

## LEE'S SUMMIT BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

### April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Andy Carr, Kim Fritchie, Bruce Holiman, Sarah DeBray, Donna Nuccio, Lila Raymond, Charlotte Lea, Randy Cain, Sue Feaster, Carol Rothwell and (guest) Mr. Coy

Kim called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and the March minutes were approved with one correction.

Andy reviewed the financial statement. The pansies for downtown pots were \$1803, less than last year. We agreed that more plants per pot will make them more impactful. This month he'll be buying the red maple tree for Arbor Day planting and sometime this fall the 291 ROW weed control will be applied.

Kim reminded the commission that her long term as chair must end due to many other commitments. She reported that Bruce has offered to serve, with the understanding that he travels and will need a vice-chair to assist at times. Randy has offered to serve in that role. Both agree that the commission needs to have a higher profile in the community and work to get recognition from other organizations. Bruce Holiman and Randy Cain were nominated and unanimously chosen as chair and vice-chair. The committee expressed great appreciation for Kim's leadership and support for Bruce and Randy going forward.

Kim will update the "Who Does What" list and Andy will re-send the members' contact information.

The tree inventory paid for by our MoDOC T.R.I.M. grant is underway! The PlanetGEO staff believe it will take about two weeks. Results will be online. Andy will get photos for Carol to write an article about the inventory.

Sweep the Summit (April 27, 9:30-11:00) assignments are: Bruce and Sue to Lowenstein where we expect 150 students from LSW; Kim, Lila and Charlotte to Legacy with 125 St. Michael students; and Sarah and Carol with 75 LSN students at Hartman.

The Arbor Day tree planting is set for April 26 at 2:15 at Longview Elementary. The site is marked and Donna has purchased some small shovels. Charlotte will read "I Planted a Tree." Meet at 2:00 pm.

Sue volunteered to schedule maintenance for the downtown Adopt-a-Spot. Members chose their weeks.

The 2020 work plan was reviewed and two changes suggested—adding 2D "Implement tree management system in the parks" and adding "Assist in Identifying funding sources" to Objective 4, which will be in revised order. Andy will send revised plan to members.

Sue reported there was resistance to the idea of a garden tour from two of the previous landscape contest winners whom we hoped would host the tour. It was agreed we will survey all previous winners to be their opinions and suggestions for replacing the traditional contest.

Randy reported there will be another meeting about funding for landscaping the 291 monument. He said there are tall weeds obstructing the sign which should be mowed down. He also brought up the issue of litter along the highways, and suggested a video might be made to show how bad it is. He and Bruce will explore ideas about how we might bring awareness to the problem.

Mr. Coy again raised his concern that the Beautification Commission should be maintaining trees in accordance with the ordinance that created the commission. Kim again reminded him that we are a group of volunteers with no resources to do that. The issue was tabled.

Kim asked that all members wear their BC shirts to the upcoming events. New members will be fitted for shirts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16.

Carol Rothwell, Secretary