

LEE'S SUMMIT BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the August 12th 2019 Meeting

Attended by: Bruce Holiman, Lila Raymond, Donna Nuccio, Randy Cain, Charlotte Lea, Sue Forbes, Carol Rothwell and Kim Fritchie; City Staff Glenda Masters Mark Dunning, and Steve Arbo; Guest: Dale Coy

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Bruce Holiman. Minutes of the July meeting were misplaced and will be approved in September.

The budget for this fiscal year is \$30,500 total; Glenda and Bruce will meet to decide how the funds will be allocated. Rosehill sent a bill for \$1905 for water and fertilizer; Glenda will ask them about the amount. We no longer need a separate contract from Rosehill, but we need a MOU to know what to budget and what we're charged for.

Lila and Charlotte reported their plans for the holiday planters include banners in green, silver and white. We'll decorate, with help from DTMS volunteers, before the Mayor's Tree Lighting on Nov 22. Last year 39 pots were adopted, @\$50 each.

Dave Gale is a member of Deep Roots, formerly KC Native Plant Initiative, which is sponsoring a native plant conference September 18-20 at the Intercontinental Hotel called "Plan it Native". We would like to send two people.

More information is needed re: MoDOT Butterfly Habitat about what we need on Hwy.291. Once each location is confirmed, MoDOT will make signs. We need to get a video of the ROWs in bloom next year.

Kim offered to fine-tune the Commission's 12-month calendar.

There was discussion about the poor maintenance of the Rotary/City areas near the train tracks. Our signs are there, but we have not been responsible for clean-up. Glenda offered to investigate.

Mark Dunning gave an update on monument landscaping. The IDA is contributing \$16,000, we allocated \$5,000, leaving \$1,000 needed. The Lakewood Garden Club says 'keep us posted.'" The area will get more frequent mowings (monthly) by Parks to get a viewscape. The cost of landscaping both monuments is \$17,000, less Will Gibson's \$2,000 contribution. He has a sole-source contract. Both will be done September-October. Mark will communicate with the IDA. The City will pay for Parks to maintain for three years.

Steve Arbo thanked the Commission members for adjusting well to the change in organizational structure, and offered to physically help with some of our projects.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rothwell, Secretary