LEE'S SUMMIT BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Meeting

Attended by: Kim Fritchie, Bruce Holiman, Randy Cain, Charlotte Lea, Lila Raymond, Sue Forbes, Donna Nuccio, Carol Rothwell and Mark Dunning (Asst. City Manager) Guests: Representatives from Lee's Summit, Lakewood and Lotawana Garden Clubs

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:08. Minutes of the November meeting were approved and the financial statement was reviewed. Payments were made to Rosehill for fall planters, watering and changeout of the planters.

Parks paid an additional \$1,000 for the Hwy. 291 monument site and will continue mowing and maintenance for three years per our MOU. There are solar lights on both sites now. There are two more monument sites planned for the future (East and South). It was mentioned the lights could be colored for special occasions.

Representatives from three garden clubs, serving over 100 members, were introduced and the goals for Beautification Commission's next major project were outlined:

- *Project should benefit the City
- *It should involve more citizens
- *It should include residents living within the R-7 School District
- *There is no immediacy; 2020 or 2021 would be acceptable to get it off the ground
- *It would be promoted on the LS website, ExploreLS.

We would hope to get all garden clubs involved, including these three, Raintree, and others. Some of the guests had been involved in garden tours and had good ideas to share, as well as a warning that they are a lot of work! They suggested something specific to draw guests to each site; perhaps vendors, crafts, refreshments, or hands-on activities. There could be four sites spread across the city or five within a finite area or subdivision.

It was agreed we should continue exploring ideas. Lila (<u>lraymond2@kc.rr.com</u>) will serve as the contact for new ideas.

Old Business: The holiday planters were successful and will soon be changed to reflect Valentine's Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Rothwell, Secretary