Beautification Commission

11/14/20 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Kim called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Attendance: Kim Fritchie, Tanya Forbes, Sarah DeBray, Charlotte Lea, Lila Raymond. Absent: Bruce Holiman, Randy Cain, Donna Nuccio

Approval of the October Minutes. Lila Raymond moved to approve the minutes. Sarah DeBray seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously. It was noted that Donna Nuccio has resigned from the Beautification Commission create a total of two openings in addition to Carol's resignation in in August.

Budget Review. There were no update to the budget since the October meeting.

New Business. Kim gave a brief update of the new format for the Mayor's Treelighting Ceremony on November 20.

Old Business. MODOT Right of Way/Butterfly Habitat Agreements. Glenda provided an update. After reviewing MODOT's beautification contracts for the various right of way locations the City Attorney's Office and City Manager's Office decided they will not sign the beautification agreements with MODOT. The reasoning being that the City does not want to assume the risk and liability of managing MODOT's right of ways. Members of the Commission noted their frustration at the decision and felt that a lot of time had gone into trying to figure this project out. **Downtown LS Planters Update** – Lila gave an update on the decorations for the planters. Glenda will meet Lila at Old Time Pottery this Wednesday to purchase the decorations for the planters. The plan is to install the bows and decorations on November 18th from 2-4pm, meeting at City Hall to start.

Other Business. Kim heard from Steve McClasky with the Knights of Columbus regarding the Blackwell Roundabout Adopt-a-Spot. They are going to wait until January or February to figure out what plantings to install in the roundabout. They will do another weeding before then. Kim recommended reviewing the applications for new commission members until Bruce is able to attend a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next meeting is December 14.