Beautification Commission Minutes May 10, 2021 Strother Conference Room

**Call to Order.** Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. In attendance: Bruce Holiman, Kim Fritchie, Sarah DeBray, Tanya Forbes. City Staff, Glenda Masters.

**Approval of Minutes**. Sarah DeBray moved and Kim Fritchie seconded that the minutes from April be approved as presented.

**Budget Review.** Glenda reported that there were no major changes to the budget since the March meeting. And there was \$10,360 remaining in the Beautification Commission allocation for the current fiscal year. The FY22 budget allocation for the Beautification Commission has been recommended at \$26,550 and accounts from \$16,000 for Rosehill maintenance of the Downtown planters and \$8,500 for the maintenance of the MODOT native habitat locations.

**New Business**. Bruce asked Glenda to give any updates on the Board and Commissions realignment process. Glenda noted that there have been no major updates to the process or timeline since the last meeting. She re-affirmed that the proposed plan is to merge the programs and functions of the Beautification Commission, Arts Council and Historic Preservation Commission into a new Arts and Cultural Commission. Bruce and Glenda have a meeting with Mayor Baird and City Manager Mr. Arbo on May 20 to learn more about the transition. Members of the commission expressed their concern in being able to continue to sustain and grown current beautification programs when combined with the other groups. Glenda offered that the merger is a way to create efficiencies in programming and reduce silos while also expanding the scope of current programs by leveraging additional resources. Glenda gave the example of being able to adjust the Arbor Day tree planting

Other Business. Sarah and Kim noted that there was a positive turn out from students for Sweep the Summit. They also noted that there was not much trash to pick up at either of the parks. Bruce thanked Sarah for coordinating the event. Kim thanked Glenda and the Creative Services team for creating the video for the Arbor Day tree planting at Summit Pointe Elementary School. Kim is going to ask the assistant principal on any feedback related to the project. Tanya and Kim asked if they could replant some of the flowers in the downtown planters and move them to the commission's adopt a spot location next to the Amtrak station before Rosehill came out. Tanya said she'd set up a date to get the plantings moved. Glenda will check with Rosehill's schedule and ask Andy in Parks to turn on the water. Glenda will also purchase mulch for the site. Kim mentioned that someone should look at the tree in downtown LS to check out the zip ties around them to make sure their growth is not being restricted. Glenda will check with either facilities or Public Works.

## Announcements.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.