

Beautification Commission Minutes
June 14, 2021
Strother Conference Room

Call to Order. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. In attendance: Bruce Holiman, Sarah DeBray, Tanya Forbes, Lila Raymond and Charlotte Lee. City Staff, Glenda Masters.

Approval of Minutes. Sarah DeBray moved that the minutes from May be approved as presented. Tanya Forbes seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review. Glenda gave a brief update on the FY22 budget for the Beautification Commission as anticipated for approval with the City-wide budget by City Council at the end of June. 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. Bruce mentioned that the City will be working with local business owners downtown to begin clearing up sidewalk right-of-ways in efforts to maintain design standards and ADA accessibility.

New Business. Amtrak Adopt-a-Spot: some of the plants have not survived the transfer from the spring planting. Rosehill will take out the dead scrub the next time they are out. Sue would like for Bruce to trim back the bushes. Sue mentioned the idea of donating some of the spring plants to an organization next year so that healthy plants are not destroyed when Rosehill comes out.

Other Business. Boards and Commissions Reorganization: Bruce gave an overview of his and Glenda's meeting with the Mayor and City Manager Arbo regarding the need to restructure the current boards and commissions. The primary reasons for the transition are to realign functions with the City's strategic plan goals and to improve synergy and staff efficiencies. The City Manager is expected to review the scope of the transition with City Council at a July council meeting. There is no proposed timeline for when the transition will take effect.

It was mentioned that the Commission might consider asking local businesses to adopt winter planters to decorate. The group agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

Announcements.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.