

Beautification Commission Minutes
August 9, 2021
Strother Conference Room

Call to Order. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance: Bruce Holiman, Kim Fritchie, Charlotte Lee and Tanya Forbs. City staff, Glenda Masters.

Approval of Minutes. Bruce Holliman moved that the minutes from July be approved as presented. Tanya Forbes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review. Glenda gave a brief update on the budget, there have been no changes since the start of the new fiscal year. Glenda will bring the budget and shows expenses in August when Rosehill invoices are processed.

New Business. The group discussed the scheduling and timing of fall activities. The commission will continue to manage the downtown adopt-a-spot with Tanya coordinating. Mayor's Tree Lighting will be November 20th, Glenda will coordinate with Rosehill to have the winter plantings installed the first or second week of November. The commission needs to determine a date to decorate planters. Glenda will connect with Donnie on the planter sponsorships.

Bruce gave an update on a meeting he had with the new owners of Llewellyn's building and the pocket park. It is an opportunity to focus beatification efforts on the pocket park location and to remove the fading history plaques. The Heartley Heart need to have some neon tubing replaced. Glenda offered that any beautification efforts to that site could be eligible for a grant application to the Downtown Community Improvement District.

MODOT Right of Ways Beautification. MODOT plans to do their typical full mow out in the fall. They may plan on spraying for Thistle in the fall too. Kim asked Glenda to connect with Habitat Architects to get their opinion and direction on spraying for thistle, if it should be now, in the fall or the spring. Kim also asked Glenda to resend the approved mowing timeline for her review.

Other Business. Amtrak Adopt-a-Spot. Charlotte's going to take care of the adopt a spot through August.

Boards and Commissions Reorganization: The process is still ongoing. No new major updates. City Manager Arbo is giving a presentation to City Council on August 24.

Announcements.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.