

Beautification Commission Minutes
September 13, 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, Sarah DeBray, Lila Raymond and Tanya Forbes. City staff, Glenda Masters.

Bruce announced that Tanya has submitted her letter of resignation from the Commission and read her letter to the group. Everyone thanked her for her time and service to the group over the years. Tanya expressed her excitement for seeing the new phase of growth during the City's reorganization of the commissions.

Approval of Minutes. Sarah DeBray moved that the minutes from August be approved as presented. Bruce Holiman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review. Glenda gave a brief update on the budget, the expenses from Rosehill have been posted to the Cultural Arts budget. Rosehill expenses have totaled \$10,755 for the summer plantings and maintenance, \$35 more than last year to date.

New Business. The group discussed the winter planters for Downtown. Kim mentioned that the commission needs to know the theme for this year's Mayor's Tree Lighting event to know how to decorate the planters. Glenda mentioned that she has not been aware of a theme at this time but will ask either the administration office or creative services. Downtown will manage the sponsorship program for the small planters again this year.

Other Business. Thistle Spraying (MODOT Right of Ways). Glenda reported that Habitat Architects recommended spraying in the spring for thistle. They also mentioned that winter is the best time to reseed. Glenda is waiting for clarification on if reseeding should wait until after spraying.

Boards and Commissions Reorganization: The process is still ongoing. City Manager Arbo gave a presentation to City Council on August 24 giving a high-level overview of the reorganization plan. Kim attended the meeting and gave a review of her understanding of what was presented at the meeting. Kim noted that at the council meeting it was discussed that the three commissions (Beautification, Arts Council and Historic Preservation) would continue to meet individually regularly and then come together to meet as one group once a quarter. Glenda clarified that this was not the transition concept proposed by staff. The configuration of the new commission will be one group meeting at least quarterly (or more) and ad hoc committees or task forces could be created as needed to execute initiatives. All of the current programming that is in place will be under the umbrella of the new commission. Staff and city leadership is working to clarify this message with City Council and stakeholders.

Announcements. Bruce again recognized Tanya and thanked her for her time on the Beautification Commission.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.