

Beautification Commission Minutes
October 11, 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. City staff, cultural arts manager Glenda Masters, assistant city manager Christal Weber, public works director Michael Park.

Approval of Minutes. Kim Fritchie noted to minor corrections to the September minutes. Lila Raymond moved that the minutes from September be approved as amended. Sarah DeBray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

City Staff Introductions. Assistant City Manager Christal Weber introduced herself to the Commission. With a recent change in staffing she now oversees the Cultural Arts Division along with several other departments. She's excited to be working more closely with the Commission. Michael Park, the newly appointed Director of Public Works came later in the meeting and introduced himself. His department works oversees the City's public right of ways. They also work closely with MODOT.

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.

New Business. Downtown Planters – Winter Decorations. The group discussed the winter planters for Downtown. Rosehill will change out the planters during the week of November 8 and the Commission agreed to schedule a time to decorate early in the week of the 15th. Kim would like for Rosehill to include more ivy or vines within the planters to enhance the visual appeal. Glenda will let Rosehill know.

Other Business. Boards and Commissions Reorganization: At this time, city staff are tentatively scheduled to give a presentation to City Council about the transition process of the boards and commissions. Bruce shared with the Commission that he had a discussion with the City Manager expressing his frustration on behalf of the commission in feeling that staff was not supporting the commission's needs as Parks had done previously. Bruce said that he and the City Manager will meet soon to discuss.

Announcements.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.