

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

KEEP CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL

March 9, 2023

Members present: Betsy Abraham, Myrtis Tabb, Charlene Wolfe, Mary Anna Davis, Jane Dunlap, Desira Warrington

Chair Myrtis Tabb called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the February 2023 meeting, Betsy Abraham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Charlene Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Budget Review

The commission members reviewed the monthly budget report.

Old Business

1. Mrs. Dunlap and Public Works have checked all the landscape timbers on the downtown green strip, and most are in good condition. The timbers in the bed by the Chamber have been replaced.
2. Commission members discussed the empty area at the north end of the green strip and the possibility of planting flowers in that area. In the past, MDOT has restricted planting in that area. Myrtis Tabb will contact Josh McPherson.
3. Mrs. Dunlap updated the commission on the roses in the downtown beds. The freezing weather resulted in the loss of a lot of the roses. She has contacted the supplier regarding the rose order for this year, but we may not receive everything that was ordered. The rose order should be ready for pick up in April.
4. The flower beds near Hey Joe's have been cleaned and look much better. Public Works removed all of the plantings except the magnolia trees. The Beautification Commission may add mulch to those beds if necessary.
5. Keep Cleveland Beautiful has submitted two nominations to Keep Mississippi Beautiful for the awards luncheon on April 27, 2023. Mary Anna Davis has been nominated for the Pat Fordice Award, and Delta State University's Big Green Event 2022 has also been nominated for an award.

New Business

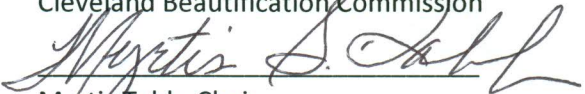
1. Catherine Wolfe has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of Helen Coleman. Mary Anna Davis made a motion to approve the nomination, pending board approval, and Desira Warrington seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor of the motion.
2. Delta State University Student Government Association will sponsor the Big Green Event on Saturday April 15, 2023. Applications for assistance are currently being accepted. Mary Anna Davis and Betsy Abraham will both request assistance with projects.
3. The Delta State University football team will participate in a clean up day on April 22, 2023. The contact person for any projects is Coach Todd Cooley.
4. Earth Day will be held on Saturday April 29, 2023. Desira Warrington will submit the advertisement to the Bolivar Bullet, schedule the volunteers to work that day, and also arrange lunch for all the workers. Mary Anna Davis will ask members of the Master Gardeners if they are available to work that day.

Reports

1. Myrtis Tabb gave a Chamber report to the Beautification Commission. Lara Bowman will be leaving the Chamber and the Chamber is currently searching for a new CEO. The Chamber is also searching for a new Director of Community Programs and a Director of Economic Development. The Chamber has received grants for work at the Cleveland Airport and for a building in the Industrial Park.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Myrtis Tabb, Chair