

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

April 8, 2021

Members present: Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Laura Giaccaglia, Adolph Hilliard, Jane Dunlap, Charlene Wolfe, Helen Coleman

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 March 11, 2021 meeting, Laura Giaccaglia made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mary Anna Davis seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

Budget Review

Old Business

1. Clean Up Week and Earth Day
Jason Woods, Director of Cleveland Park Commission, has met with the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Exchange Club, the fire department, and others to discuss park projects for Clean Up Week. Each of the groups will have specific duties, mainly painting park equipment. The MS Homemaker Volunteers will provide lunch for the groups. Myrtis Tabb has asked for pictures of the different groups as they work, to send to the newspaper. Laura Giaccaglia will send information to the schools regarding Clean Up Week and Earth Day. She will also provide flyers to churches and businesses in Cleveland. The Beautification Commission will again provide lunch for the Public Works and Care Environmental employees on Earth Day. Myrtis Tabb will make the arrangements for the lunch.
2. There will be a tree planting ceremony on the downtown walking trail at 9:45 A.M. on April 8, 2021. The tree, which was donated by the Master Gardeners, will be planted in honor of health care workers. There will be another tree planted at a later date, which was purchased by the Beautification Commission and Delta Garden Club.
3. The trash cans from Mississippi Prison Industries for downtown, will be discussed again at a later date. There are currently enough trash cans, but some of the cans may need to be moved to a better spot.
4. The hanging baskets and planters are on schedule to be completed near the end of April. Sarah Strain with CS & S Landscape Company will be planting the baskets as soon as she receives the new liners, and Mary Anna Davis is gathering the plants for the planters. Jane Dunlap and public works employees have planted all the new rosebushes in the downtown area.

5. Mary Anna Davis has planted approximately 100 of the daylily bulbs received from Keep MS Beautiful. Bulbs have been planted at Amzie Moore Park, Eastside Park, and in the islands on Commerce Street. Additional bulbs may be planted in the green strips along Kamien Way.

New Business

Reports

1. Myrtis Tabb presented an update on the downtown breezeway project. Roof beams have been replaced and a Duralast roof has been added. Workers will begin pressure washing and painting. The breezeway committee will ask for additional funding in the next budget.
2. Laura Giaccaglia gave a report from the Chamber of Commerce and Team Cleveland. Cade Holder has accepted the position of Director of Community Programs, and the chamber is adding additional staff. Hopefully this will allow them to have better working partnerships. The chamber is working with the Heritage Commission to clear hurdles for a possible mural project. Team Cleveland will be hosting Oktoberfest again this fall and needs committee volunteers.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Myrtis Tabb, Chair