

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
CLEVELAND TREE BOARD
KEEP CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL

June 8, 2023

Members present: Betsy Abraham, Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Jane Dunlap, Frances Janoush, Catherine Wolfe, Adolph Hilliard, Charlene Wolfe

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 April 2023 meeting, Frances Janoush made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Betsy Abraham seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Budget Review

The commission members reviewed the monthly budget report.

Old Business

1. Beautification Commission members gave an update on Earth Day, which was held on April 29, 2023. The commission thanked Mr. Hilliard for all the work he did at this year's event, and also recognized the Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers for working at the event. Commission members discussed expanding the advertising for the 2024 Earth Day and having a greater social media presence.
2. Jeff McManus of the University of Mississippi visited Cleveland on June 1 and toured the downtown area with members of the Beautification Commission. Some of the items he suggested were better pruning of the crepe myrtles and raising the tree canopy, adding something at the north end of the green strip to add "pop", and hiring additional help when necessary to maintain the downtown area. Mayor Nowell joined the group for lunch and requested that the Beautification Commission develop a Master Plan for the downtown and submit a budget plan by the first of August. Mark Levy of Oxford will meet with the Beautification Commission on June 24, 2023 to assist with developing the master plan.
3. Sarah Strain of CS&S Landscaping joined the Beautification meeting to offer additional ideas for maintaining the downtown area.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chair