

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

July 8, 2021

**Members present:** Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Adolph Hilliard, Jane Dunlap, 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 June 11, 2021 meeting, Adolph Hilliard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mary Anna Davis seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

**Old Business**

1. The Beautification Commission is waiting for current prices from Mississippi Prison Industries for new trash receptacles for downtown. The commission will check with Public Works to make certain the current receptacles are all being utilized. Some of the older ones may need to be replaced. Commission members will discuss this item again in the August meeting.
2. Concern was expressed about the condition of the plants in the hanging baskets. Some of the baskets contain dead plants, even though they receive sufficient water. The commission will explore what should be done to improve the appearance of the baskets.
3. The flower beds downtown currently have a lot of weeds. Public Works is short on manpower at the moment, and is not able to keep all of the beds weeded. The Beautification Commission will have a work day on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:00 A.M. to assist with the weeding.

**New Business**

1. The Beautification Commission recently paid dues of 150.00 to Mississippi Urban Forestry Council. Mary Anna Davis picked up six crates of bulbs from the council, and will give those bulbs to the community at the Farmers' Market.
2. The Keep Mississippi/Alabama Beautiful conference will be held in Birmingham on August 25 – 27, 2021. Myrtis Tabb will attend the conference.
3. Mary Anna Davis reported that the wildflower plots have not been planted due to uncooperative weather. We may have to delay planting until the fall. The Beautification Commission needs to make certain that this project is completed. The commission will meet with Jason Woods and Stephen Ferri to make certain that everyone is committed to this project.
4. Myrtis Tabb turned in the 2021-2022 budget on July 7. She has asked the city to restore the Beautification Commission's \$30,000 budget. Increased expenses make this necessary.
5. In the August meeting, Myrtis Tabb would like for the commission to review the current ordinance to determine what the Beautification Commission can officially do.

6. Beautification commission members and Master Gardeners are assisting with the development and planting of a landscape plan for the new Cleveland fire station.

#### Reports

1. Chamber Report

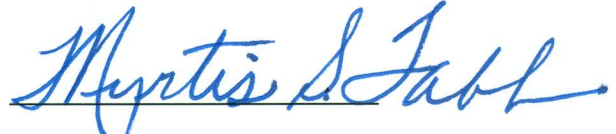
The Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce has an increase in membership.

Next week, Mark Keenum, President of MSU will be the special guest at the chamber breakfast.

The downtown breezeway project – The contractor is completing the walls and the painting. The project has cost more than planned because everything above the ceiling was rotten and had to be replaced. The committee will request more funding from the city for the project.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Myrtis Tabb, Chair