

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON October 8, 2020 AT 8:30 AM.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Adolph Hilliard, Laura Giaccaglia,
Jane Dunlap

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After review of the September, 2020 minutes, Adolph Hilliard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mary Anna Davis seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Review of Budget

Old Business

1. Mr. Hilliard presented a list of parks and projects for each one. The Exchange Club is planning a clean up day for Exchange Club Park on October 24th, and St. Luke Methodist Church is planning a clean up day for Bear Pen Park on October 17th. Laura Giaccaglia will speak with Rotary and Lions Club representatives regarding adopting a park for work. The Beautification Commission may schedule a clean up project for October 23rd.
2. The hanging baskets have been taken down and will be stored at Public Works for the winter. The Beautification Commission will not buy additional baskets this year due to budget cuts. The spring/summer plants have been removed from the downtown planters and the Master Gardeners will be installing the fall/winter plants the afternoon of October 8th.
3. The grant application for Earth Day 2021 has been submitted.

New Business

1. Keep Mississippi Beautiful will have a state conference on November 5, 2020 at 100 Tables in Ridgeland, MS. The morning session will be for the Mississippi affiliates, and the afternoon session will be a virtual meeting with Keep Alabama Beautiful. Keep Cleveland Beautiful will need to send a representative to receive affiliate hours.
2. The Beautification Commission received the new 2020/2021 budget, and the commission's budget was cut from \$30,000 to \$25,000. In the future, Dominique Green, city clerk, will notify Myrtis Tabb of all expenditures made from the account.

Reports

1. Laura Giaccaglia presented a report from the Chamber. The Christmas Open House will be held November 6-8, and the virtual tree lighting ceremony will be held on November 14th. There will be no Christmas parade this year. The city has lifted its sidewalk ordinance, and sidewalk sales will be held every Saturday from October 10 – December 26, from 10:00 until 5:00. The DSU art department will be displaying student artwork in the windows of downtown businesses throughout the month of October. Cheryl Comans and Myrtis Tabb will be filling in at the Chamber until a replacement is found for Judson Thigpen, who recently retired.
2. Myrtis Tabb spoke briefly on the downtown breezeway project. Due to budget cuts, the committee did not receive the additional money they had requested from the city. The project will move forward with scheduled clean up.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman