

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON JULY 9, 2020 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Jane Dunlap, Helen Coleman, Mary Anna Davis, Adolph Hilliard

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After review of the June, 2020 minutes, Mary Anna Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, and Helen Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Review of Budget

Old Business

1. Earth Day has been rescheduled for August 22, 2020. Clean Up Day will be rescheduled for some time in the fall and will not include disposing of any hazardous items.
2. Special thanks were made to Connie McClellan for her work on the reporting requirements for Keep Cleveland Beautiful. Myrtis and Connie participated in a conference call with Neely Jones to discuss reporting requirements.
3. Adolph Hilliard met with Jason Woods, Parks Director, regarding beautification possibilities in the city parks. Contractors are currently working to update the buildings and other infrastructure within the parks. Jason would like for the commission to assist with signs and landscaping at the entrances to the parks, and give advice on landscaping issues. Mr. Hilliard, Myrtis Tabb, and Mary Anna Davis will serve on a committee to work with Jason. They will arrange to visit the parks with Jason and bring their recommendations back to the Beautification Commission.
4. The Breezeway committee is active and is beginning Phase I of the breezeway project. Phase I includes clean up and removal of the murals inside the breezeway. The committee met with Josh McPherson of Eley-Barkley Engineering regarding any restrictions with the building codes, and they have submitted a budget request to the city. The budget request also includes new lighting in the parking lots behind the buildings. The committee also met with Sam Rosenthal, the owner of the building adjacent to the breezeway regarding the current awning.

New Business

1. Mary Anna Davis traveled to Madison to pick up 8 cases of bulbs from the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council, which were made available to member cities. The bulbs were given to members of the Beautification Commission, Master Gardeners, and were also given to the public at the Cleveland Farmers' Market. Mary Anna requested that everyone send pictures of the flowers when in bloom to the Beautification Commission. Myrtis asked that pictures be sent to Connie McClellan to file for future use.
2. Myrtis Tabb picked up six cases of garbage bags from the Keep Mississippi Beautiful office in Madison. The bags are stored at Public Works and are available for all clean-up projects. We have also received twelve paper pickers, and will receive two "Do Not Litter" signs. Please take pictures of any projects and send to Connie McClellan.
3. Jimmy McClellan volunteered his time to drive around Cleveland and complete the litter survey for Keep Cleveland Beautiful as part of their reporting requirements for Keep Mississippi Beautiful. The commission would like to send a special thank you to Jimmy for his volunteer work.
4. Myrtis Tabb made the annual budget request to the city for the 2020-2021 budget year. She did not request an increase in funding for this year.

Reports

1. The Chamber of Commerce presented a wonderful fireworks display on July 2.
2. Several of the hanging baskets downtown have been damaged. One of the baskets was damaged beyond repair, but the others have been repotted and are ready to be re-hung. The damage to one of the baskets was paid for by the trucking company responsible.
3. Public Works employees are pulling up the stakes on the crepe myrtles along the highway. Public Works has a great group of employees.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman