

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON
JANUARY 10, 2019 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Adolph Hilliard, Cindy Grittman, Jane Dunlap, Laura Giaccaglia, and Charlene Wolfe

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes

1. After review of the December 13, 2018 meeting minutes, Cindy Grittman made a motion to approve the minutes, and Adolph Hilliard seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Old Business

1. Continued the discussion on Earth Day. The Board of Aldermen has decided not to use city funds for Earth Day 2019 because of issues with grant funding. The Beautification Commission and Ray Bell will start the planning process for 2020.
2. Myrtis Tabb, Jane Dunlap, and Mary Anna Davis will be guests of the Garden Club at 1:30 on January 10, 2019. Mrs. Dunlap will speak about her ideas and work on the garden at the gazebo. Mary Anna Davis will speak about the arboretum, and Myrtis Tabb will give a short presentation on the work of the Beautification Commission. All Beautification Commission members are invited to attend.
3. The Commission members had a follow up discussion on the presentation by Dr. Jason Gordon in November. The Commission would like to have him return, possibly in March, to work on the items which were discussed in his presentation.
4. Laura Giaccaglia and Mary Anna Davis each gave a brief report on the Master Gardeners' conference which will be held in Cleveland on May 8 – 10. The venue will be at Ewing Hall on the DSU campus. The awards lunch will be held at First Baptist Church. There will be a program at Crawdads in Merigold on that Wednesday night with Elizabeth Heiskell, and possibly a breakfast at the Grammy museum. The Master Gardeners are hoping for sponsorships and donations. The Beautification Commission will be available to assist if needed.
5. The purchase of the breezeway downtown has been completed. Team Cleveland has invited the Beautification Commission members to their meeting on January 22 to discuss possible plans for the breezeway.

New Business

1. Arbor Day will be on February 8, 2019. Trees will be given away by the Bolivar County Soil and Water Conservation District and the NRCS that morning. The Beautification Commission will have a tree planting ceremony at the gazebo downtown on Thursday February 7.

Reports

1. Adolph Hilliard gave a report on the status of the Tree City application. There were several changes which had to be made, but hopefully the application will be ready for the February meeting. The new ordinance for this is very close to completion.

Myrtis Tabb thanked Adolph Hilliard and Mary Anna Davis for their work on our Tree City application and ordinance, and Ray Bell for his work on Earth Day.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman