

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL**

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

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After review of the January 10, 2019 minutes, Helen Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes, and Cindy Grittman seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Old Business

1. Laura Giacaglia gave the commission members two possible dates in March for a meeting with Dr. Jason Gordon. The commission decided to schedule the meeting for March 27 at 1:30 P.M. at the Bolivar County Extension Service. The Beautification Commission will finalize a list of items at the March meeting to discuss with Dr. Gordon.
2. The new tree ordinance has been approved by the Board of Aldermen.
3. There were several Arbor Day programs held the week of February 4 – 8. The Beautification Commission, Master Gardeners, Delta State University, Cleveland Career Center, Bolivar County Extension Service, and the Mid-Delta Forest, Woodland, and Wildlife Association are some of the groups which assisted with Arbor Day Programs.
4. The Beautification Commission will start planning for Earth Day 2020. We will need clarification on the process from the state before starting, in order to overcome the issues which were encountered with Earth Day 2019.
5. The Beautification Commission and the Chamber of Commerce are both interested in purchasing better, larger hanging baskets for downtown this spring. Laura Giaccaglia will follow up with the Chamber to find out if they have purchased the baskets yet.
6. Mrs. Dunlap has started replacing some of the roses in the downtown rose beds and planting new ones in some areas. She also reports that the new trellis has been installed at the gazebo. Mrs. Dunlap mentioned that it appears someone has been feeding cats at the gazebo. The Beautification Commission will be keeping an eye on this issue to make certain it is resolved.

New Business

1. Myrtis Tabb requested that all members read the Beautification Commission ordinance before the March meeting, and please be prepared to discuss what our priorities should be in 2019.
2. The Mississippi Extension Service will be sponsoring a pruning workshop at noon on February 14, 2019. The city and county will be sending employees.
3. The Beautification Commission needs to address litter in the city.
4. The bushes on the downtown parking islands need to be pruned. Mary Anna Davis will speak to the city employees about that issue.

Reports

1. Laura Giaccaglia gave a Chamber report.

Team Cleveland is anxious to start work on the breezeway downtown. Mayor Nowell will call a meeting with representatives from the Chamber and the Beautification Commission to discuss ideas and funding. Also, the breezeway will be part of the focus on Clean Up Day. Façade grants will be awarded soon for downtown storefronts.

Laura is in charge of membership services for the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will have a quarterly meeting for new members.

2. Mary Anna Davis, Jane Dunlap, and Myrtis Tabb all spoke at the January meeting of the Delta Garden Club. The club presented a check to the Beautification Commission.
3. Mary Anna reported that the Master Gardeners are working on designs and plant selections for the downtown planters. She will have those available for approval at the March meeting. Also, she reported that the plans for the Master Gardener Conference are underway. The Beautification Commission members offered to provide labor assistance during the conference.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman