

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON
APRIL 11, 2019 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Mary Anna Davis, Desira Janoush, Jane Dunlap, Laura Giaccaglia, Helen Coleman, Adolph Hilliard, 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 March 14, 2019 minutes, Laura Giaccaglia made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mary Anna Davis seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Old Business

1. The Beautification Commission began a discussion on possible beautification efforts in the city parks and the Jones Bayou areas. Members decided to table the discussion on the parks until fall. In the next meeting, members will review a list of all the parks. The Jones Bayou area will require long range discussions. The Beautification Commission is not aware of who is in charge of the bayou and what the rules are pertaining to what work may be done. Chair Myrtis Tabb will research this before the next meeting.
2. Members reviewed the beautification budget for 2019.
3. The application for the Tree City designation is still being processed. The commission will need to supply new numbers regarding the 2018 Arbor Day.

New Business

1. The plants for the downtown planters should be in the week of April 15th. Public Works employees and possibly some of the Master Gardeners will help with the planting. The planting should be complete by the end of April. Also, the hanging baskets are ready, and hopefully they will be up before Easter.

Reports

1. Dr. Jason Gordon met with members of the Beautification Commission on March 27, 2019, at the Extension Service office. He provided information on funding cycles and possible funding sources. He also touched on each of the topics provided by the commission members. Dr. Gordon suggested that we also meet with Todd Matthews, Assistant Forest Management Chief for the Mississippi Forest Commission, for additional assistance. Laura Giaccaglia spoke with Todd and he recommended the commission invite Tympel Harrison, Outreach Forester, to speak.
2. Laura Giaccaglia reported that the Chamber has installed new signage on North Street and Kamien Way. Events scheduled for April are a visit by the Clydesdales on April 12th, the Crosstie Festival and the rodeo on April 13th, and the annual Easter egg hunt on the 20th.
3. The long range planning committee has met twice. Their purpose is to bring together everyone who is working on items for the city. These items include the downtown breezeway, entrances to the city, and the police building. Belinda Stewart attended the second meeting, and spent the day with several individuals. Dominique Green asked Ms. Stewart to submit proposals to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
4. Mary Anna Davis provided an update on the Master Gardener Conference to be held on May 8 through the 10th. Registration will end on April 15th. The Beautification Commission is working on a list of volunteers for the conference.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman