

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2019 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Jane Dunlap, Laura Giaccaglia, Helen Coleman, Adolph Hilliard, and Charlene Wolfe

Prior to the meeting, the commission members toured the Cotton House Hotel with Doris Dickerson, Director of Sales for the hotel.

Chair Myrtis Tabb called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After review of the April 11, 2019 minutes, Laura Giaccaglia made a motion to approve the minutes, and Adolph Hilliard seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Ned Mitchell, special guest, presented a brief history of Jones Bayou and information regarding the Jones Bayou Drainage District. He discussed possible improvements to the bayou in the city.

Chair Myrtis Tabb asked Laura Giaccaglia and Mary Anna Davis to work with the Jones Bayou subcommittee.

Old Business

1. The discussion regarding work in the city parks was tabled until fall. Adolph Hilliard will begin looking at the parks for the Beautification Commission.
2. The Tree City application for the city was approved. Myrtis Tabb commended Mary Anna Davis and Adolph Hilliard for their work on the application.

New Business

1. Laura Giaccaglia will contact Tynpel Harrison, Outreach Forester for the Mississippi Forest Commission, to speak at the August meeting of the Beautification Commission.
2. The Beautification Commission received a \$150.00 donation from the Delta Home and Garden Club.

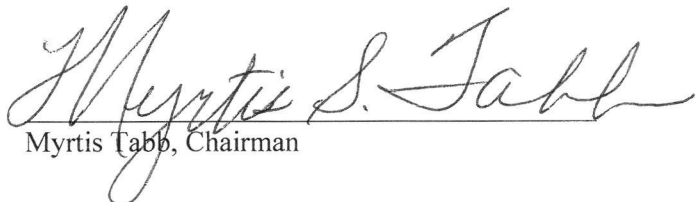
Reports

1. Chamber report – four façade grants were awarded to downtown businesses.

2. Judson Thigpen provided the Beautification Commission with a copy of the report on the Cleveland tree canopy. A copy was given to Adolph Hilliard to place in the Tree City file.
3. The long range planning committee is currently looking at several different items within the city, including Jones Bayou and the downtown breezeway.
4. Mary Anna Davis took the plants which were left over from the downtown planters and planted them in the flower bed surrounding the clock near the Depot. The Master Gardeners are adopting the baskets and planters downtown, and will assist the Public Works' employees with their maintenance. The city has received many compliments on the hanging baskets and planters.
5. Laura Giaccaglia gave a brief update on the Master Gardener Conference held at Delta State on May 8-10. The conference was wonderful! The final count of attendees was 198. Of the 50 evaluations which have been received, more than 10,000 dollars was spent. The Master Gardeners would like to thank the Beautification Commission members for their help with the conference.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Myrtis Tabb, Chairman