

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2019 AT 8:30 AM.
IN THE BOLIVAR COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE AUDITORIUM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Jane Dunlap, Laura Giaccaglia, Helen Coleman, Adolph Hilliard, Mary Anna Davis, and Desira Janoush

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

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After review of the June 13, 2019 minutes, Laura Giaccaglia made a motion to approve the minutes, and Adolph Hilliard seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Dr. Nina Baghai-Riding spoke to the Beautification Commission regarding Amzie Moore Park, and gave an over view of her work there. She and her class had a grant from MDNHA to work with the trees in the park. Amzie Moore Park contains several extremely old trees, and Dr. Riding is trying to find funds to help with the preservation of the trees in the park. She has documentation regarding the trees and would like to find funds for signage on the trees at the park. The Beautification Commission suggested that these trees be added to the current arboretum project. Mary Anna Davis will be the contact person on this project.

Old Business

1. Adolph Hilliard presented a report on the city parks. He visited the parks with Jason Woods, Parks Director. They noted and discussed all of the work which needs to be done in each park. Some of the needed work may possibly be done by volunteers or civic groups. The Beautification Commission will invite Jason and representatives of different civic groups to attend the September meeting, and discuss a plan of work for the parks. Commission members thanked Mr. Hilliard for his work on this project.
2. The Mississippi Forestry Commission had donated bulbs for sale, and the Beautification Commission purchased bulbs and distributed them to different groups. Myrtis Tabb asked that these groups take pictures of the plants in bloom and send them to the Commission.

New Business

1. Kay Rush and Family Medical Clinic requested permission to plant trees in memory of Brett Hutchinson. Beautification Commission members discussed possible locations and decided that there was a need for a Japanese maple at City Hall. There may possibly be a space for a tree at the new soccer complex when it is completed.

Reports

1. Lisa Miller presented three architect's designs for the renovation of the downtown breezeway. Belinda Stewart, architect, worked with the long range planning group to develop the ideas. Lisa has also made presentations to the long range planning committee and the Heritage Commission. The planning committee with Mayor Nowell, has requested \$75,000 in funding for this project. The parking lots and the alley will also need a lot of work as they are also a key component to this project.
2. The Beautification Commission would like to commend Public Works, Master Gardeners, and others involved for the work downtown on the hanging baskets and planters.

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

Tympel Harrison and Misty Booth of the Mississippi Forestry Commission presented a program to the Beautification Commission after the regular meeting. Misty Booth presented Mayor Billy Nowell with Tree City USA recognition materials for our nineteen years as a member. Cleveland is currently the only city in the Delta that is a member.

Tympel spoke with the group on the benefits of trees in the community and the benefits of being a member of Tree City USA. Two members of the Merigold Tree Committee joined the Beautification Commission for the program.

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chairman