

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrtis Tabb, Jane Dunlap, Desira Janoush, Helen Coleman, Adolph Hilliard, Laura Giaccaglia, Mary Anna Davis, 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 September 12, 2019 minutes, Laura Giaccaglia made a motion to approve the minutes, and Charlene Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote was "Aye" with no opposition.

Jason Woods, City of Cleveland Parks Director, attended the meeting to discuss projects in the city's parks. The Beautification Commission has suggested partnering with civic groups to help beautify the parks. The Park Commission can provide the materials for the work which needs to be done, if other groups can provide the labor. The Park Commission is currently working on maintenance issues in some of the parks, as well as parking issues. Jason will compile a list of projects to present to civic groups.

Old Business

1. The city has budgeted 75,000 dollars for work on the breezeway downtown, and the long range planning committee would like to use this money as a match for grant funds. A design has not been chosen yet, but the committee would like to have a master plan in place.
2. Alex Deason, Sunflower County Extension Agent, walked through the arboretum with Mary Anna Davis to assist in the identification of the trees. Mary Anna will prepare a budget when she is able to finalize the plans for the arboretum.
3. The Mississippi Urban Forestry Commission will hold their state conference on November 7th and 8th. Adolph Hilliard and Mary Anna Davis will attend the conference.

New Business

1. The hanging baskets will be removed the week after Octoberfest. Myrtis Tabb presented photos of several ideas for the downtown planters. The commission members would like to incorporate holiday decorations along with the new seasonal plants. Desira Janoush will check on prices for silver Christmas balls and tree-like plants. The commission will meet later in the month to stage one of the planters and decide on the plants and decorations. Laura Giaccaglia

and Mary Anna Davis will recruit the Master Gardeners to help with removing the old plants, and planting the new ones before the Christmas Open House.

2. Mary Anna Davis will attend the annual Van Zyverden bulb sale on November 8th, if anyone is interested in purchasing bulbs.

Reports

1. Octoberfest will be held on October 11th and 12th. The Chamber of Commerce still needs volunteers.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Fabb, Chairman