

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

KEEP CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL

January 12, 2023

Members present: Betsy Abraham, Myrtis Tabb, Charlene Wolfe, Frances Janoush, Adolph Hilliard, Mary Anna Davis, Jane Dunlap, Desira Warrington

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the January 2023 meeting, Frances Janoush made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Charlene Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Budget Review

The commission members reviewed the monthly budget report.

Old Business

1. The tree planting and the dedication of the bench in memory of Jared Horne will be held on Friday February 10, 2023. The tree planting will also serve as the Arbor Day event. Mayor Billy Nowell and a representative from the chamber will be at the event, along with members of Jared's family. Mary Anna Davis will speak on behalf of the Beautification Commission.
2. The proclamation for Arbor Day has been printed in the newspaper. We will submit a write up to the paper after the event.
3. The Beautification Commission is still searching for a replacement to fill the unexpired term of Helen Coleman. Adolph Hilliard will speak with a candidate before the March meeting, and if that candidate is not interested, Frances Janoush will speak with a second candidate.
4. Myrtis Tabb attended the recent Keep Mississippi Beautiful Conference which was held in Birmingham on January 25th – 27th. Myrtis reported on the programs at this year's conference. Keep Cleveland Beautiful needs to send a member to the conference each year to maintain our affiliate status.

New Business

1. The annual awards luncheon for Keep Mississippi Beautiful will be held in Jackson on Thursday April 27, 2023. In order to maintain our Circle of Excellence status, Keep Cleveland Beautiful is required to submit award nominations by March 3, 2023. Keep Cleveland Beautiful will nominate Mary Anna Davis for the Pat Fordice award, and also nominate DSU's Big Green Event for an award.
2. The plants in the downtown planters were killed by the freeze in late December. Mary Anna Davis would like to go ahead and clean out the planters and prepare them for spring planting.

Beautification Commission members volunteered to help. The roses have also been hard hit this winter and the commission may need to replace more than originally planned.

3. Betsy Abraham reported that 31 or 32 baskets had been delivered to Sarah Strain. We will be able to reuse many of the existing liners, and Sarah will order replacements for those which can't be reused. Sarah will plant all of the baskets with "Bubblegum" petunias.
4. Earth Day will be held on Saturday April 29th. Desira Warrington volunteered to oversee the plans for this year's Earth Day. She will need as many volunteers as possible to work that day. Mary Anna Davis will check with the Master Gardeners for volunteers.

Reports

1. Frances Janoush gave a report on Chamber activities. The city's first mural will be installed the week of spring break, if approved by the Heritage Commission on February 14th. Cade Holder and Team Cleveland submitted an application to the Public Arts Committee on February 7th, and it was approved with a few changes to the colors and wording.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission



Myrtis Tabb, Chair