

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
CLEVELAND TREE BOARD
KEEP CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL

September 8, 2022

Members present: Mary Anna Davis, Betsy Abraham, Jane Dunlap, Myrtis Tabb, Charlene Wolfe, 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 August, 2022 meeting, Betsy Abraham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Desira Warrington seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Budget Review

The commission members reviewed the monthly budget report. The 2022-2023 budget has been approved, and the Beautification Commission will have the same budget amount as the previous year.

Old Business

1. Mrs. Dunlap suggested that the flower bed on the north end of the green strip be removed. Commission members agreed, and Mrs. Dunlap will ask Public Works to remove it.
2. The Beautification Commission currently has 32 hanging baskets in the downtown area. Eleven of those are around the Chamber building. Commission members discussed removing and relocating some of the baskets. The baskets on Court Street and North Street and on the west side of the chamber receive too much sun exposure, so those baskets will be removed. Cutting the number of baskets may make it easier to maintain the baskets. The Beautification Commission will continue to work with Sarah Strain on the baskets, and next year may try a different combination of plants or colors. Betsy Abraham suggested the use of banners in conjunction with the baskets.
3. Mary Anna Davis gave a cost estimate for the fall/winter plants in the planters. She will also be purchasing 12 3-gallon plants for the bed at the chamber. The total cost for all will be approximately \$1700.00.
4. Mary Anna Davis gave an update on the wildflower plots. The Park Commission cut the plot at Firemen's Park before the coreopsis bloomed. She will speak with Jason Wood at the Park Commission about when the plots should be cut. The plots at Bear Pen and Amzie Moore Parks will be prepped for planting by late October.
5. The Beautification Commission discussed the overgrown beds near Hey Joe's and Kutworks, and decided the best course of action would be to remove all the plants and clean up the magnolia trees. We can then either mulch the beds or let the grass grow in those areas. Mary Anna will discuss the project with Public Works.

6. Mrs. Jane Dunlap gave an update to the commission on the estimated costs for new rose bushes. She should be able to purchase everything she needs for approximately \$550.00.
7. Mary Anna Davis received a quote of \$891.00 for a 6' bench to be placed on the nature trail. A metal mounting plate and plaque for the bench in memory of Jared Horne will be an additional \$30.00. The commission members agreed to purchase two benches.

New Business

1. Myrtis Tabb asked commission members for possible candidates to fill the unexpired term of Helen Coleman. The commission will discuss again at the October meeting.

Reports

Myrtis Tabb gave a report from the Breezeway Committee. New LED bulbs will be installed in the lights in the alley and parking areas behind the breezeway, and the committee is working to clean up the alley. Dr. Tabb will be meeting with downtown merchants regarding the alley.

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

Cleveland Beautification Commission


Myrtis Tabb, Chair