

Homewood Beautification Board
January 2026 Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

- Call to Order - 12:00 pm
- Approval of November 2025 Minutes
 - Minutes were not sent out prior; will approve along with January minutes in February.
 - Introduction/Welcome Guests
 - Sam Gaston, Chris Lane, Nathaniel Echols (Ron McCurdy's guest)

- **Old Business**
 - HBB T-Shirts - located in the City Manager's office during City Hall office hours
 - Nick Sims offered to take the shirts to City Hall after the meeting
 - Holiday Decorating - next year planning
 - Decorations at City Hall
 - Three trees + wreaths
 - **Discussion of hiring someone to decorate instead of the board**
 - Need to locate and organize all decorations
 - Need to purchase new trees
 - There is a specific storage space for Xmas decor, but not dedicated space for the Beautification Board.
 - Trees are moved around a lot
 - Consider moving them to another area, where they don't need to be moved
 - **Separate meeting to be held w/ holiday decorations committee and anyone who has been part of decorating to determine next steps**
 - Reach out to Cale at City Hall regarding decoration storage long-term plan
 - Outdoor/city/street decor
 - The wreaths need to be replaced
 - Discussion of lights on Greensprings
 - In the past, we didn't allocate for lights on Greensprings because we didn't have jurisdiction
 - Discussed the possibility and feasibility of lighting up Greensprings from Valley Avenue to Berry
 - Speak w/ Randy to determine which poles have power and where Homewood's jurisdiction ends
 - Ron will meet with Randy to determine which decorations are still good
 - Discussion of outdoor lights on Oxmoor, Greensprings, and

- Discussion of reaching out to merchants for contributions to street decoration
- Chris Lane shared ideas related to putting Christmas balls up on 18th St and various places around the city
- Outdoor decorations will be a priority for 2026
 - Discussion of adding other board members to the decorations committee
 - Ron, Mary-Kate, Shea, Katherine, Lauren, Nancy
 - Ron will take the lead in talking to Randy
 - Chris Lane asked Sam Gaston about the cost of lighting Mountain Brook. Suggests talking to Tyler Stone.
- **New Business**
 - Salamander Festival - Vendor Request
 - Saturday, January 31st, HHS Gym, 1:00 - 4:30 pm
 - 2025 - >900 attendance
 - Interactive game/craft suggested
 - You Are Beautiful Friendship Bracelets
 - Kids can make them themselves
 - Mary-Kate will head up the project. Other volunteers: Kathryn R. & Shay will help with set up; Ron will be there for shift three; Mary Michael will also be there to assist.
 - Lindsay will order a tablecloth for arrival pre-event.
 - Ron moves to approve funding of up to \$350. Roxanne seconds. Unanimously approved
 - Sending an order to Kelly at City Hall for Amazon supplies
 - Vote on participating (requires volunteer commitment today)
 - 3 shifts / 2 volunteers per shift:
 - Shift One: 11:00 - 1:00 (setup and start of festival)
 - Shift Two: 1:00 - 3:00 (Festival busiest)
 - Shift Three: 3:00 - 5:00 (Festival and breakdown)
 - We are going to ask Michelle Blackwood if we can be next to HEC since we collab
 - **Banners**
 - Need to discuss ordering additional banners, so we have enough to cover and rotate
 - Discussed providing Randy with specific direction on where the banners go
 - We gave them a handout with a table discussing when banners go up and down and where. This doesn't appear to be being followed at this point.
 - We're short on Winter and Homewood banners
 - Shea will reach out to Big Color to find out how much it costs to order more

- **Standing Items:**
 - HEC Collaboration & Updates - Scott Rezek (liaison) unable to attend, but sent updates
 - They are getting through bags before we order bags for both groups
 - Scott is transitioning off HEC soon. Will let us know who our new liaison is when this occurs.
 - **2026 Committee Assignments**
 - Holiday decoration committee added

NAME	WARD	COMMITTEE
Mary Michael Kelley (Chair)	1	Beatification Plan (Lead)
Lindsey Culver (Vice Chair)	2	Social Media (Lead) & Centennial Committee Representative
Nancy Mason (Secretary)	2 (at-large)	Holiday Decorations (Lead)
Sam Bokatzian (Treasurer)	4	Beautification Plan
Ron McCurdy	3	Events/Collabs (Lead / HEC Liaison)
Mary-Kate Carey	2	Social Media/Promotion
Victoria Dinges	1	Events/Collabs
Lauren Walton	1	Holiday Decorations
Kathryn Romanchuk	2	Holiday Decorations
Nancy Walburn	2 (at-large)	Beautification Plan
Karen McClure	4	Events/Collabs
Angela McKinney	3	Community Support
Laura Stansell	4	Community Support (Lead)
Roxanne Batson	4	Community Support
Shay Gartman	HWD Chamber (at-large) Liaison	Quarterly Awards (Lead)
Chris Lane	City Council Liaison	NA

- Committee Reports/Standing Updates:
 - City Updates - Nick
 - Treasurer's Report - Sam B. (not present at meeting)
 - Centennial Committee Updates - Lindsey
 - The Centennial Committee met to brainstorm and is working on a budget, and will meet when they have more specific numbers.
 - There will be a parade in Oct and other activities throughout the year
 - The city has a line item in its budget for these activities.
 - Social Media & Promotion - no updates
 - Events/Collabs - no updates
 - Community Support - no updates
- Beautification Awards
 - Discussed criteria for nominations
 - The American Legion has done improvements
 - WeHo development
 - Sykes/Jack & Jill
 - Christopher Glenn
 - Edgars
 - Real & Rosemary
 - The board agreed to nominate in February
- Open Discussion/Questions
- Adjournment