

Homewood Beautification Board

February Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Members and Guests Present: Mary Michael Kelley, Nancy Mason, Kathryn Romanchuk, Victoria Dinges, Mary-Kate Carey, Nancy Walburn, Ron McCurdy, and Shay Gartman. Lauren Walton and Sam Bokatzian via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to approve the November 2025 and January 2026 minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Old Business

- Thank you to Mary Michael, Mary Kate, Shay, Kathy, Sam and Ron for participating in the Salamander Festival. The bracelet-making was well-attended and the Board should purchase more beads and a small giveaway for children next year
- HBB t-shirts are now stored in the City Manager's office
- Ward 4 vacancy: Karen McClure has resigned, creating a Ward 4 vacancy. Mary Michael will notify Chris Lane, our new City Council liaison, and request a public posting. Once posted, the Board can share the opening.
- Holiday decorating: Randy's team has limited staffing, which will affect where and how much decorating can be done. Any lighting will require planning:
 - Identifying locations, confirming power access, etc. Kathryn will get a map of Homewood for the next meeting to determine where and what decorations will be needed.
 - Street Banners: "Welcome to Homewood" banners were a thinner material than prior banners and the pole sleeve sizing was too small, requiring the banners to be cut off and needing to be replaced. The size was also deemed too small.
 - The banners at Trinity and Dawson churches were identified as an ideal size. Nancy Walburn will confirm their size, where they are made, etc. and Ron will confirm hardware limits with Randy.
 - Homewood's 2026 Centennial-year plans will also include banners, and we will need to coordinate with them in our banner calendar. The Centennial's details on quantity, placement and timing are still pending
 - HEC bag inventory is low; Mary Michael will delegate an HBB representative to meet with Scott to coordinate the updated size and logo.

New Business

- Beautification Plan: A meeting was held with city staff, which provided great feedback

- Winter Beautification Award: Christopher Glenn was nominated and approved for the Winter 2026 Beautification Award. The American Legion/VFW will be asked to resubmit an application with before and after photos for future consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.