

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

February 14, 2021

MINUTES

Attending:

Ben Booth, Nancy Walburn, Sam Bokatzian (virtual), Meredith Drennen, Alexis McBrayer (virtual), Abby Chadwell, Laura Stansell, Roxanne Batson, Angela McKinney

Visitors: Kristin Alford, Scott Rezek

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM at the City of Homewood Council Chambers with Chair Ben Booth presiding and Meredith Drennen recording the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: Ben Booth presented the December meeting minutes as recorded by Meredith Drennen. Nancy Walburn moved for approval, and Abby Chadwell seconded. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Ben Booth reported on plans for a Griffin Creek Cleanup on April 9, 2022. Friends of Shades Creek, The Cahaba Riverkeeper, local scout troops, the Homewood Environmental Commission, Samford University Environmental Club, and the Homewood High School Environmental Club will be contacted to join or work another Saturday in April.

New Business:

The Street Sign Project has shifted to create a database of all street signs for replacement. Meredith Drennen is working with the Fire Department to obtain a list of necessary signs.

City Council Update:

The City of Homewood is creating a Stormwater Master Plan. There will be two public involvement meetings on February 15 at City Hall, as well as an online portal to submit information.

The Griffin Creek Landing Area will no longer be used as a construction landing area with the completion of the Green Springs revitalization project. There is input being gathered to turn the area into a park.

Green Springs will be showcasing international flags during the World Games. A database of international businesses has been compiled so the flags can represent Homewood Businesses.

An additional gateway has been identified on Green Springs, coming from Birmingham.

Councilor Jalete Nelms continues to work on the Christmas Tree Information Project for Homewood residents.

Other Business:

The Columbiana Gateway Sign needs pressure washing. Ben Booth agreed to contact Randy Hambley.

The 18th Street Christmas Tree did not have a tree topper. Meredith Drennen agreed to reach out to Randy Hambley to confirm that it was salvaged from

the car accident. Ben Booth will invite Randy Hambley to the Beautification Board meeting in September for informational purposes.

The Homewood Environmental Commission gave an update on their projects, including tree planting at the soccer fields, applications for tree planting and replacements, stormwater issues and planning and recycling programs.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022, in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ben Booth adjourned the meeting at 12:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.