

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

June 12, 2023

MINUTES

Attending:

Ravi Patel, Nancy Mason, Meredith Drennen, Nancy Walburn, Roxanne Batson, Ben Booth, Sam Bokatzian, Sam Lloyd, Victoria Dignes, Mary Michael Kelly

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM at the Homewood City Hall Council Chambers with Chair Ravi Patel presiding and Meredith Drennen recording the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: Ben Booth Moved to approve the Minutes of the May meeting, Sam Bokatzian seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions: New members Mary Michael Kelly and Victoria Dignes were introduced. Both will represent Ward 2.

New Business:

Meredith Drennen nominated The Valley Hotel and Robertson Bank for Beautification Awards. Nancy Walburn motioned to award Valley Hotel for the second quarter beautification Award. Roxanne Batson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Meredith Drennen motioned to award Robertson Bank the third quarter Award/ Nancy Mason Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion continued on a Master Beautification Plan. Nancy Mason reached out to Fairhope, which does not have a formal beautification plan. Their budget is \$300,000 for beautification, including three greenhouse and a staff of 20, reporting to the Director of Horticulture. They have a flower festival to supplement their budget. Fairhope invited the group to visit on June 30.

Other members were assigned peer cities to research:

Greenville, SC (Roxanne Batson)

Eufala, AL and Roswell, GA (Ben Booth)

Arab, AL (Nancy Walburn)

Franklin, TN (Mary Michael Kelly)

Resulting research will be used to further discussion regarding a beautification master plan.

Ravi Patel shared the Hoover Green Team and their method for getting volunteers for cleanups. He will research and put together a similar sign up for Homewood. A cleanup for next month will be announced.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ravi Patel adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.