

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

July 10, 2023

MINUTES

Attending:

Ravi Patel, Nancy Mason, Meredith Drennen, Nancy Walburn, Sam Bokatzian, Victoria Dinges, Abby Chadwell, Nick Sims, Mary Michael Kelly

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM at the Homewood City Hall Council Chambers with Meredith Drennen presiding and recording the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: Nancy Walburn moved to approve the Minutes of the June meeting. Nancy Mason seconded. Motion carried.

Review of June Meeting: Meredith Drennen reviewed the June Meeting minutes.

New Business:

July 18 was voted to be the date of the Beautification Award for the Valley Hotel. Meredith will reconfirm with The Valley and invite the Mayor.

Peer City Research:

Nancy Walburn spoke with Arab, Alabama. Melissa Cook, their Economic Development Manager, described their Strategic Plan, which includes beautification. Their plan was conducted by their Regional Planning Commission for \$2500.

Nancy Mason visited Fairhope, Alabama this month. Their downtown trees are being replaced with Chinese Pistaches. The City of Fairhope also has their own water, sewer and infrastructure procedures which differ from Homewood.

Mary Michael Kelly spoke with Franklin, Tennessee city representative Jennifer Stanley. Franklin cooperated with neighboring cities and their county manages many beautification tasks. Their population is also over 75000.

Master Beautification Plan:

Nancy Walburn moved to create a Master Beautification Plan subcommittee, of no more than 7 members. Nancy Mason seconded. Motion Carried.

Ravi Patel and Nick Sims will meet with the mayor and coordinate with City Staff, if needed, to start discussions with the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission to see if they create Beautification Plans.

Other New Business

Ravi Patel will coordinate with Osprey International on a Creek Cleanup.

Meredith Drennen started a Street Captain list for the Christmas Tree project. A list can be requested on the Homewood Beautification Board website. North Pole Trees, a Homewood Company, will start delivering and installing trees this year, and many streets and neighborhoods have outsourced their captain duties to them.

Nancy Mason was reappointed to the Beautification Board at the June 26 Council Meeting, and Deidra Mason was appointed at that meeting as well.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ravi Patel adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.