

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

September 12, 2022

MINUTES

Attending:

Ben Booth, Nancy Walburn, Nick Sims, Meredith Drennen, Sam Lloyd (virtual), Angela McKinney, Ravi Patel, Lindsay Culver, Abby Chadwell (virtual), Chris Smith, Nancy Mason, Laura Stansell (virtual)

Guests: Jessica Black, Samford University

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 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 August meeting minutes as recorded by Meredith Drennen. Nancy Walburn moved for approval, and Angela McKinney seconded. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

The Street Sign projects is moving forward with internal meeting with city staff on 9/12. The project will be broken up into smaller purchases over the next few years.

Ben Booth opened up the floor for volunteers to help coordinate a Fall Creek Cleanup, if needed.

Ben Booth will present at the Edgewood Garden Club September 21 at 10 am.

Madison Robinson will decorate City Hall again this year. Ravi Patel move to approve their invoice for \$1,100. Meredith Drennen seconded. Motion Passed.

Many of the tables and chairs in the right of way in Edgewood have broken. Meredith Drennen moved to purchase new tables and chairs with \$7,200 remaining in the Beautification board budget. Angela McKinney seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jessica Black with Samford University presented a proposal for decorative banners in downtown Homewood. In an effort to engage in community outreach and appreciation for Samford as Homewood's Hometown University, the banners will have semi-permanent hardware installed with banners changed out periodically, and could be used for non-Samford banners as well. Nancy Walburn moved to approve the project, pending approval from the City sign ordinances, a map of the intended locations, and a list of guidelines. Meredith Drennen seconded. Motion carried.

Abby Chadwell has volunteered to assist with social media, particularly launching an Instagram page. She and Ben will follow up with Roxanne Batson to see if streamlining the Facebook and Instagram pages is necessary.

The Chamber of Commerce is purchasing A-Frame sign holders for both organizations to use.

The Edgewood Historic Marker was destroyed last year by a driver, and the City Council is looking to replace it. Meredith Drennen moved to utilize

\$1280.69 of the excess Beautification Board Budget for the sign purchase.
Nancy Mason seconded. Motion passed.

The Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 was read as follows:

Chair: Ravi Patel

Vice Chair: Sam Lloyd

Secretary: Meredith Drennen

Finance: Sam Bokatzian

Lindsey culver motioned to approve the slate, Nancy Mason seconded.
Motion passed.

Chabat of Alabama has suggested December 21 as the Homewood Menorah Lighting.

City Council Update

Budget Hearings will last until the end of September.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2022, in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ben Booth adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.