

**City of Homewood  
Beautification Board**

**October 9, 2023**

**MINUTES**

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**Attending:**

Ravi Patel, Nancy Mason, Nancy Walburn, Abby Chadwell, Nick Sims, Mary Michael Kelly, Angela, Roxanne Batson and Ben Booth

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM at the Homewood City Hall Council Chambers with Ravi Patel presiding and recording the minutes.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes for September need to be recompiled.

**Review of September Meeting:** Ravi Patel reviewed the September Meeting.

**New Business:**

Discussed Friends of Shades Creek Cleanup and calendaring HBB cleanup of Griffin Creek for March 2024.

Requested review of possible cleanup event for Hollywood Gateway sign and Pallisade-Oxmoor Tunnel. Members to take pictures of both as well as any other concerning area. Board would make determination on whether to address with Berkeley or as a community clean up event.

Abbey to promote link to the Christmas Tree tradition from city website on HBB Instagram account.

Discussed Beautification plan wider inputs, continued next steps and outreach to the HEC and other organizations:

- Stormwater management issues related to Beautification plan
- Also, to avoid confusion consistent terminology should be used. Therefore we should refer to this agenda item as the proposed City Beautification Plan as opposed to Beautification Master Plan
- We must consider and attempt to build coalition and plan of approach for proposal of plan; Coalition needs to include a city department lead who can help HBB navigate this through the council. There is an opportunity to go to council finance committee and see if we can get Plan added to budget for mid year review
- Holiday Decorations and set up – Ravi to check with Meredith if Christmas trees and city hall decorations need to be up before HCC open house. If not we will look to decorate in November.

Nick Sims notified Board that the annual Menorah Lighting is scheduled for December 11, 2023.

Discussion regarding comments in the community regarding the Beautification Award sign and its font.

Nick Sims provided update regarding Edgewood Historical Marker that had been destroyed and that HBB had contributed towards replacing. The Marker has been replaced!

Phase 2 of the street signs has been funded and phase 1 signs are going up. Special thanks to the hard work of Board Members B. Booth and the late C. Smith who had worked so hard to make this project happen.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Meredith Drennen adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.