

Homewood Beautification Board

November Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

Members and Guests Present: Mary Michael Kelley, Lindsey Culver, Nancy Mason, Shay Gartman, (Chamber of Commerce), Victoria Dinges, Nancy Walburn, Mary-Kate Carey, Angela McKinney, Roxanne Batson, Kathryn Romanchuk, Sam Bokatzian, Ron McCurdy, Nick Sims, Lauren Walton.

Special Guests: Eric McNair (LMA), David Louderbaum, & Emily Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the October minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Introduction/Welcome Guests

- Presentation of the City of Homewood Master Beautification Plan *DRAFT*
- Review of the 2007 Homewood Master Plan with plans to "pick up where it left off"
- Overview of proposed streetscapes, landscapes, lighting and city projects:
 - Rosedale Pedestrian Bridge
 - Downtown: baskets and banners, root barriers to prevent sidewalk and road damage
 - Hollywood Pedestrian Tunnel: lighting and murals
 - West Homewood: murals, banners, identifying signs
 - Highway 31 improvements
 - I-65 Gateway
 - Griffin Brook
 - Overton Park improvements
 - Residential tree planting: replace trees over 80 years old
 - Comments: Ron McCurdy expressed development concerns in Rosedale with the Hyatt Hotel and Coffee Shop proposal. The Homewood community noted that the Beautification plan overall may offer opportunities, while others raised traffic and density concerns.

Old Business:

- HBB t-shirts: Mary Michael reminded anyone who had not yet received their HBB t-shirt to see her.
- Mary Michael reminded Board members that City Hall trees would be decorated following the meeting.

New Business:

- Rotary of Homewood Holly Days Tree Sponsorship - We would purchase a 6 foot tree from the Shades Cahaba Scout lot and decorate the tree between Nov. 23 - 27 with LED-only lights and ornaments. The tree will be placed in Central Park and remain throughout the season. The funds raised would benefit Homewood High School students in need. The cost to participate is \$550. The board ultimately decided not to move forward with this due to the imminent timing of the event and lack of manpower during Thanksgiving holiday week to decorate the tree. Will revisit if the event continues next year.

Standing Items

- 2026 Committee assignments will be emailed in December
- Committee Reports/Standing updates
- City Updates - Nick Sims
 - The new City Council was sworn in last week. They will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday
- Centennial Committee Updates - Lindsey Culver said that next year's banners will be printed with the Centennial logo.
- The Holiday Decorating Committee was added to HBB's Committees' list, and reported that the current 80 wreaths on-hand should be displayed without their bows due to the bows' overall condition.
- The Menorah Lighting will be Thursday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m