

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

November 14, 2022

MINUTES

Attending:

Ravi Patel, Chris Smith, Nancy Mason, Nick Sims, Meredith Drennen, Sam Bokatzian (Virtual), Abby Chadwell (Virtual), Lindsay Culver (Virtual), Sam Lloyd (Virtual)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM at the City of Homewood Council Chambers with Chair Ravi Patel presiding and Meredith Drennen recording the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: Ravi Patel presented the October meeting. Sam Bokatzian moved for approval, and Nancy Mason seconded. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

The Street Sign project is being bid out by the city currently. The project is being done in thirds. Chris will follow up with Melody on the bid process.

Christmas Decorations in city hall are up. Thanks to JJ Bishoff for meeting with the designer to get the decorations set up.

Meredith Drennen will ask Randy Hambley about the wreaths for the business districts and will copy Nancy Walburn.

Community Grief Support Services tree needs attention—it fell over. Nick Sims agreed to call Randy Hambley.

Lindsay Culver asked about the mini tree project Councilor Nelms started last year. Send vendors to Lindsay to compile and we will add to social media.

The Menorah Lighting will be December 21 by Chabad of Alabama. Ravi Patel will ask Rabbi Weinbaum about a graphic or flier and share with Lindsay Culver and Meredith Drennen.

Sam Bokatzian reported on the Gateway Grant –it was submitted but not likely to be received. The application will need committed funds and location specifics prior to application for 2023. Alabama Power's Good Roots grant will also be submitted for \$1000. Ravi Patel will reach out to the Environmental commission to see if they will be applying.

Meredith Drennen gave an update on the banner project.

New Business

Meredith Drennen moved that Ravi Patel apply for Keep Alabama Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful membership. Chris Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations for 2022 4th Quarter Beautification Awards will be open and voted on at the December meeting. Preference will be given to wards 2,3,4 or 1.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022, in City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ravi Patel adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.