

**City of Homewood
Beautification Board**

November 13, 2023

MINUTES

Attending:

Ravi Patel, Meredith Drennen, Nick Sims, Mary Michael Kelly, Laura Stansell, Deirdre Mason, Sam Bokatzian, Victoria Dignes, Ben Booth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM at the Homewood City Hall Council Chambers with Ravi Patel presiding and Meredith Drennen and recording the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: Sam Bokatzian moved to approve the Minutes of the October meeting. Ben Booth seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Business Beautification Award presentation at the Homewood Police Department occurred November 7. Ben Sutton gave us a tour of the station. Meredith Drennen took pictures and emailed them to Roxanne and Abby for social media.

New Business:

The Homewood Menorah Lighting will take place December 11 at the Curve in Downtown Homewood. Snacks and activities will begin at 5 pm, and the presentation will begin at 5:30 pm. Ravi will have Abby remake a graphic for social media. The police department was notified per standard procedure.

The Christmas Trees in City Hall will be decorated November 28 at noon by the Beautification Board. Ravi will reach out to JJ Bischoff and Randy Hambley to make sure the decorations are available.

A cleanup for Hwy 31 near Skin Wellness Dermatology was suggested due to a cave in/rockslide. The overgrown kudzu creates a safety hazard for the road as well. Ravi Patel will reach out to Randy Hambley and Berkley Squires first then reevaluate after Public Works repairs the road.

Committee Update

An RFP for a Beautification Plan has been started. Ravi Patel attended the Homewood Environmental Commission meeting last month to determine common issues to be included in the plan. The RFP will go to Berkley Squires prior to release for review.

Laura Stansell, Nancy Walburn and Mary Michael Kelly will reach out to their respective Garden Clubs to survey potential projects for the RFP.

Next Meeting

The next Beautification Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. There being no further business, Ravi Patel adjourned the meeting at 12:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Drennen, Secretary.