



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

## Beautification Board

TO: Steve Burrow  
Rodney Powell  
Jimmie VanValkenburgh  
Jim Bauer  
Mary Wayne Gilmore  
Margaret Griffin  
Linda Bender  
Carolyn Doughty  
Mark Acreman  
Harlan Harrison

FROM: Evelyn Sanders, Chairman

DATE: January 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30** A.M., **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**, in the **Personnel Conference Room** in City Hall.

Call Kathy Brown at City Hall (968-1166) if you are unable to attend the regular meeting.

FYI via email: Mayor Robert Craft  
City Administrator Steve Griffin  
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garris, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones  
Andy Bauer  
Jennifer Watkins  
Abby Rhodes

**\*\*Please note that the meeting location has been changed to the Personnel Conference Room as our auditors are using the Executive Conference Room. You may enter City Hall at the north entrance (by the Fire Station) for your convenience.**

## **AGENDA**

### **BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

**January 13, 2016**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2015 meeting
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Arbor Day -Mary Wayne
  - B. Beautification Award -Steve & Rodney
  - C. Media -Mary Wayne
  - D. Website- Margaret Griffin
  - D. New Projects –Linda Bender
  - E. Landscape work update -Harlan & Mark
  - F. Planning & Zoning update -Jennifer Watkins
  - G. Council Update -Carolyn Doughty
- V. Other old business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Meeting date and time
- VIII. Meeting adjourn

Gulf Shores Beautification Board Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 10, 2015

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on November 10, 2015. Evelyn Sanders, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Gulf Shores City Hall.

Members present: Evelyn Sanders, Steve Burrow, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Margaret Griffin, Rodney Powell, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, Jennifer Watkins.

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

#### Committee Reports

Arbor Day – Mary Wayne Gilmore reported that Cheryl Searcy, Gulf Shores Elementary School Project Jubilee teacher, agreed for her fifth grade students to participate in the contest. Entries are to be judged by the Beautification Board members. Rodney Powell agreed to secure the prizes for the first and second place winners. The date to receive the Proclamation of Arbor Day by the Mayor and the judging of the poster contest entries is to be announced at the January meeting.

Beautification Board Awards – Rodney Powell and Steve Burrow announced the recipients for the Commercial Division are the Colony Club and Bill's By The Beach. Publicity pictures are to be taken after the meeting. The Residential Award is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hill. This award is to be presented after the January meeting.

Media – Mary Wayne Gilmore stated that pictures of last quarter's Commercial and Residential winners were submitted to *The Islander* and *The Mullet Wrapper* as well as the City's website. It was suggested that Margaret Griffin submit these recipients' names for publicity on the marquee by The City Store.

Website - Margaret Griffin asked that members review the updated website and offer suggestions. Any pictures may be submitted to her for review and placement on the website.

New Projects – No report.

Landscape – Harlan Harrison stated the City's plan to move the nursery to Parkway South. The recycling is to be located behind the NFL building. Plans for new landscaping on Highway 59 include 8-foot sidewalks, new landscaping with more tropical plants, pedestrian trails, and benches with under lighting.

The Landscape Department staff is setting up Christmas decorations. Winter annuals are being planted around the City and on the bike trails. The new swings are positioned on the Fort Morgan Bike Trail. Each swing is to have a plaque denoting the name of the sponsor or the name of the person for whom the swing was donated. Two additional swings are to be placed at the Lagoon Park/Mo's Landing. Several swings are ADA accessible.

A second greenhouse is being built at Gulf Shores High School. Three thousand pine trees are being planted with the assistance of the GSHS Tree Academy.

Council Updates – Mark Acreman suggested the Beautification Board review a home located on the Village Waterway for recognition. This is one of the older homes in the City of Gulf Shores with numerous camellias and azaleas. Some of the shrubs on the property were relocated to other parts of the property to allow for the completion of the sidewalk for the Waterway Village. Many of the pines cut from this area were used in the Acme Oyster restaurant building.

Mark Acreman suggested the Beautification Board select areas of the City that could be decorated for the holiday season and suggest new decorations for those areas. It was suggested that this idea be part of the New Projects committee.

Old Business – Evelyn Sanders, Margaret Griffin, and Linda Bender attended the AUFA Conference in October.

Evelyn Sanders reported on the Award Points that will be submitted by the Beautification Board for the Tree City Award and the Growth Award. The new display of the Tree and Growth Awards in the lobby of City Hall was noted.

New Business – Margaret Griffin moved to create a “Seasonal Beautification Award”. This award is to be presented to a Commercial and/or Residential property that displays and enhances seasonal decorations. Rodney Powell seconded. The motion passed. Mark Acreman is to obtain two signs, white with blue writing, for this award.

The next meeting is to be January 13, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Wayne Gilmore  
Acting Recording Secretary