



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: April 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30** A.M., **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**, in the **Administrative 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

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

May 11, 2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 8,2016 meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Arbor Day -Linda & Margaret
 - B. Beautification Award -Steve & Rodney
 - C. Media -Mary Wayne
 - D. Website- Margaret
 - E. New Project- Linda
 - 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
March 9, 2016**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on March 9, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Gulf Shores City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Evelyn Sanders, Chairman.

Members present: Evelyn Sanders, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Linda Bender, Carolyn Doughty, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, and Jennifer Watkins.

Mary Wayne Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016, meeting and Linda Bender seconded.

Old Business – Evelyn Sanders stated that she needs pictures of the Pine Trees being planted and pictures of the Sidewalk Project. Mark Acreman reported that the City will break for the Summer on the Sidewalk Installation Project. Harlan Harrison and Mark will meet with Chad Watkins to finalize a set of plans to enhance the landscape around Gulf Shores. Next year the City will redo the Ft. Morgan area. Discussion of the projects to be used as points will include *Leave No Footprints*, C- 10 Wildlife points.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day – Mary Wayne Gilmore, Arbor Day Chairman, on behalf of the Beautification Board thanked Harlan Harrison and his crew for their help in making Arbor Day a success. The Fringe Tree was a popular tree and the Satsuma Tree Drawing was well received. There was good publicity in several local papers. The pollen count was down in comparison to previous years. A new handout was given out. The Committee thanked Cheryl Searcy for her students helping with the Poster Contest. A suggestion was made to give away one tree every 30 minutes in the Tree Drawings for 2017. There were approximately 234 leftover trees and they will be given away on Earth Day by Gulf Shores High School. Linda Bender and Margaret Griffin will be the Chairmen of the 2017 Arbor Day Celebration.

Beautification Award -- There was no report given. The Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism Bureau was nominated for the next award. Other nominations are encouraged.

Media – No Report

Website – Abby Rhodes is currently working on the Website.

New Projects -- Harlan Harrison reported that Coach Jones is retiring from the Engineering Academy. The University of South Alabama will provide faculty for the Engineering needs. Volkert has offered to finance the Engineering Department. The Landscape Department is

working on the Butterfly Garden and a walkway in front of St. Andrews Church. Mo's Landing is receiving an addition and expansion of their landscape. The Walkway Project is currently being worked on. The City is reapplying for a Tiger Grant for the purpose of expanding the sidewalks and trails. Aviation Park is receiving work to connect it to the roadway. Gulf Shores is working with the State of Alabama on the median on the highway in Orange Beach. Discussions about the needs on County Road 8 are ongoing, including County Road 8 and the Plaza.

Planning and Zoning -- No Report.

Council Update -- Carolyn Doughty, Liaison to the Council, The Council is continuing to focus on three main areas: Education, Transportation, and Economic Development. Gulf Shores needs more space for schools and for a new campus. Information needs to be presented to our citizens that we could have a District Tax and every amount would stay in Baldwin County. Two acres close to Alvin's Island have been bought. The beach area is being improved with grants. There is going to be a total revamp of the beach. Carolyn explained that in a Tiger Grant for transportation and infrastructure, the Federal Government will pay ½ of the cost.

The next Beautification Board meeting is May 11, 2016. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh
Secretary
