



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

## Beautification Board

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

FROM: Evelyn Sanders, Chairman

DATE: June 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30** A.M., **Wednesday, June 8, 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**

**June 8, 2016**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 11,2016 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**  
**May 11, 2016**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on May 11, 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, Rodney Powell, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Jim Bauer, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Linda Bender, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, and Jennifer Watkins.

Mary Wayne Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016, meeting and Rodney Powell seconded.

**Old Business**

**Arbor Day** – Linda Bender, Chairman, reported that plans are beginning to materialize for the 2017 Arbor Day.

**Beautification Award** - Rodney Powell, Co-Chairman , reminded everyone that the Tourism Bureau will receive the Beautification Award for this quarter. We are to meet there immediately after today's meeting for the presentation and group photo. The Residential Award nominees are being discussed and a winner will be announced at our next meeting. Any Gulf Shores resident is encouraged to submit names to any member of the Beautification Board for possible selection for the Awards.

**Media** – Mary Wayne Gilmore, Chairman, reported that she will submit today's picture and article to the newspapers and website.

**Website** – No report

**New Project** – The Sensory Garden Project is still in the planning stage and currently on hold. The Gulf Shores Garden Club wants to make a monetary donation to the project. They will be contacting Linda Bender, Chairman.

**Landscape Work Update** – Harlan Harrison, Landscape Supervisor, reported that around Mid-Summer the annuals will be arriving. There is work being done on a new shop and on the Sidewalk project from Four Corners to the Beach. A consistency of benches has been planned. Will Tuggle is the new Gulf Shores High School Environmental Academy Instructor.

Mark Acreman, Public Works Director, stated that permits to build the second Greenhouse have been obtained. Sidewalks are being built from south of Windmill Ridge Road . The Department of Transportation will not allow palm trees between sidewalks and curbs. The old municipal signs are being pulled up. The new Recycling Center is open. They are taking

electronics. There will be an individual dumpster for each type of recycling material. They will be able to pulverize glass into sand. The Center will be open 24/7. It is behind the NFL Center on Highway 59.

An update from ALDOT that the roadway to Waterway East Environmental Document has been approved. The Design Phase for Gulf Place has been presented. This will make the area more pedestrian friendly. The State Park Road has been closed and the City of Gulf Shores was disappointed because they were not given an opportunity for input. EMC will work on the underground wiring to canal. The Butterfly Gardens are growing back. Mark has received a request from the Gulf Shores Garden Club to make a donation to the future project of a raised-bed Sensory Garden. The location will be Meyer Park or Simms Park. The covered tennis courts will be removed. The building has been sold to a company in Florida. The roads in Bon Secour Village have been updated and approved.

**Planning and Zoning Update** – Jennifer Watkins reported that there has been a lot of interest in building houses and condominiums. Mark Acreman added that the new Big Beach Brewery should be completed by Fall. Some goals for Vision 2025 were mentioned.

**Council Update** – No report

The next Beautification Board Meeting is scheduled on June 8, 2016. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh  
Secretary