

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
August 7, 2008**

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Evelyn Sanders, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jean Moreland, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Carolyn Doughty, Mark Acreman, Steve Waters
Guests: Jason Gillilin and Patrick Waldrop from the Alabama Forestry Department

The Foresters attended our meeting at the invitation of Jimmie VanValkenburgh. She asked them to share information with the board regarding the treasured tree programs around the state. They also discussed The Champion Tree Program and Arbor Day. Questions were asked and answered. We thanked them for coming.

Minutes of May 1, 2008 were approved with one change – bottom of page one change Carolyn Doughty to Steve Burrow for airport meeting. Motion to accept by Evelyn, seconded by Rodney. All in favor.

Judy thanked Steve Waters for his updates to the Website and she asked us to give Lisa info for updates.

Evelyn reported that her committee has not met with the Airport board but will be meeting within the next week or two. Mark told Evelyn that he has given a proposal from a local landscaper for sign and landscape for property on Highway 59.

Steve Waters brought us up to date regarding projects around the city. The most extensive one involves the Sports Plex -

Mark discussed progress on Gulf Place, Meyer Park, Mo's Landing (new name Lagoon Park) and upcoming landscape renovations to city buildings. Some items on the calendar for next year will be the Fire Station/Storm Shelter project.

Carolyn Doughty told us that Steve Foote had handled the complaint regarding the ABC Building. She gave us information about the movement toward "Green" Construction, energy and environmental projects the city is investigating – even recycling cooking oil. The recycling center has been relocated to the old Bistro building – now being used for the city offices.

Judy asked if any of us had looked for our Beautification Award yard. We discussed several businesses – and agreed to have Dr. Leo Jernigan for the months of August and September and Kay McElroy Salon for October and November. Jean made the motion and was seconded by Evelyn. All in favor. Evelyn will call Dr. Jernigan and set up a date for the presentation and picture.

Evelyn said she had been approached by Wade Ward to ask the board to consider additional lights and red bows on a large tree coming into the city during the Christmas holidays. Mark told the board that Patsy Hollingsworth has a brand new decoration plan for the holidays and we might want to wait and see if additional lights, etc. would be needed.

Judy asked Steve Waters if he had a list of trees for Arbor Day – he said he would have it at the next meeting and he asked all of us to e-mail him with any trees we would like. We agreed that we will have seven (7) different types of trees – 100 each.

The board discussed setting up committees to handle recurring items – and it was decided that at the September meeting each board member will be asked/assigned a committee. The committees suggested are:

- Growth Award
- Arbor Day
- Beautification Award
- Website
- Special Projects (such as Champion/Treasured Trees)
- Public Relations

By setting up these committees it will help the Chairperson handle all the items needed without actually doing them all herself/himself.

Judy asked each of us to look over the above committees and be prepared to volunteer!

Motion to adjourn by Jean, seconded by Rodney.

Next meeting Thursday, September 4, 2008

Respectfully Submitted by
Carolyn Brown, Secretary