

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
December 4, 2008

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Dorris Hoffman, Carolyn Brown, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Evelyn Sanders, Mark Acreman, Steve Waters

Visitor: Mayor Robert Craft

Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the November 6, 2008 meeting were approved by a motion made by Evelyn Sanders, seconded by Jimmie VanValkenburgh. Motion carried.

Judy Smith advised that Janice Childress is almost finished with the application for the Growth Award. She needs some information from Steve Waters and will mail it.

Jimmie VanValkenburgh updated the Arbor Day activities. Things are moving along with Gulf Shores Middle School and the poster contest. Judy Smith advised that she is ordering Arbor Day pins for the volunteers and also took orders from Board members for sweatshirts to wear on Arbor Day.

Mayor Craft spoke to the Board regarding upcoming city projects and budget problems. He said that things will be very tight spending wise until the economy picks up. He thanked the Board for their continued support. Judy Smith told him about some long term issues that the Board has addressed and worked on with Steve Waters and Mark Acreman. He told us to submit any ideas we have and they will see where they fit into the budget. Judy Smith thanked Mayor Craft for coming and invited him to join us anytime he was free.

Judy Smith asked for info regarding the Beautification Award to be given in January. After some discussion it was decided by motion from Rodney Powell, seconded by Jimmie VanValkenburgh, that the award will go to David Chapman's office on Cove Drive. We will put up the sign after the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Special projects were tabled until after Arbor Day. All efforts are being directed to Arbor Day to make it special.

Dorris Hoffman asked Mark Acreman what was being done to replace the trees that have died. (Referring to the 50 Trees/ 50 Years that were planted for the city Anniversary) She said they were not being taken care of and needed more attention. Mark advised that the contractor who is cutting the grass along that area has sprayed some weed killer and it blew on the trees.

Mark Acreman reported that not much new has been accomplished since the October meeting everyone is putting up Christmas decorations or working on the budget. Mark reported that he has been in contact with the Adopt-a-mile program and that in order to comply with their rules we must use the official signs. We will have further discussion regarding this in January.

Steve Waters told the Board that 65 poinsettias were delivered to Patsy Hollingsworth for distribution around the city. He also advised that the planting of winter annuals will begin next week.

The Board reviewed our list of Short and Long Term projects for the city. A revised copy is attached to these minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Evelyn Sanders, seconded by Rodney Powell.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Carolyn Brown, Secretary

## **REVISED REQUEST FROM BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

November 6, 2008

### **SHORT TERM:**

1. Welcome Signs at City entrances
2. Property on Hwy 59 in front of Airport – Sign & Landscaping
3. Landscape wetlands on Hwy 59 between Big “O’s” and Waterville especially designed to hide sewer line.
4. Landscape renovations at all City buildings – especially the City Annex, Adult Activity Center and Library.

### **LONG TERM:**

1. Big Ditch
2. Streetscape revitalization of Old 59 (Hwy 180)