

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
March 10, 2010

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jean Moreland, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Cliff Collings

Chairman Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved by motion of Steve Burrow, seconded by Jean Moreland.

Old Business:

Arbor Day 2010 was discussed in detail and several suggestions were made for future Arbor Days. One very important change was discussed and agreed upon. In 2011 we will only have trees. We will ask the Boy Scouts and the High School P.U.R.E. Club to help with the tree give away. There were too many people in our limited space and since Arbor Day is about trees we agreed to keep it about trees and nothing else.

Carolyn Brown will be the Chairman for 2011 Arbor Day and will ask Jim Bauer to Co-chair. She asked Cliff Collings to check his suppliers and see if it is in the budget to have one fruit tree give away in 2011 – preferably a Satsuma. She also asked him if we could come up with an “entrance” sign showing folks where to go to sign up. It was a little confusing for people who had not been before. A new time was set – we will begin giving away trees at 10:00 a.m. until they are gone or 12 noon (whichever comes first).

Judy Smith thanked Jimmie VanValkenburgh for all her hard work and organization on 2010 Arbor Day!! Jimmie told the Board that our poster contest winner, Regan Butler placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State contest. She also thanked Cliff and his staff for all their hard work setting up and taking down. Without them it would be impossible to have Arbor Day!!

Judy Smith told the Board that we have received Tree City USA (23<sup>rd</sup> year) and Growth Awards (9<sup>th</sup> year) for 2009. Jean Moreland has agreed to work with Judy for the next year's award.

Cliff Collings told the Board that work was being done to renovate the “four corners” at the intersection of Hwy. 59 and Fort Morgan. Other than that just maintenance work to remove old flowers and replace with spring ones.

Jean Moreland asked that the Board consider “scrapping” the “tree marker” project since it appears that we really don't have any trees in areas where people can get to them without too much trouble. She suggested we work to identify Southern Trees on the walking/bike trail. We agreed this would be a good idea.

Rodney Powell asked if there was anything new regarding the entry signs into Gulf Shores city limits. He asked if there had been any response to the December 22, 2009 letter that was sent to the mayor and council members. We understand the financial aspect of some of the projects but would like to express our desire to see the entries to our city impressive.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Brown  
Secretary