

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
May 7, 2009**

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Evelyn Sanders, Dorris Hoffman, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Jean Moreland, Mark Acreman, Cliff Collings

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

Minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved as written by motion made by Steve Burrow, seconded by Jimmie VanValkenburgh. Motion carried.

Judy Smith told the Board members that we have a number of items on our “wish list” and in order to accomplish these we will need everyone’s participation. Later in the meeting we will be addressing these items.

Judy asked Steve Burrow and Evelyn Sanders to report on the Beautification Award for the board approval. It was decided that Lulu’s was the choice and at the June meeting we will put up the sign and take a picture.

Judy also reported that we only need one (1) point to complete the Growth Award. She and Cliff Collings will work toward finishing the application.

**The board thanked Rodney for the work on the website. It is looking great.
(www.cityofgulfshores.org)**

Up coming projects needing chairmanship are Adopt-a-Mile and Tree Markers (Indian). Judy asked for volunteers – Evelyn and Jimmie will co-chair the Adopt-a-Mile and Steve and Jean will co-chair the Tree Markers. ALL board members will be asked serve on one of these two projects – so Judy asked us to decide and let one of the project chairs know before the next meeting.

Mark advised that he has a meeting scheduled with the Alabama Department of Transportation regarding connecting the bike/walking trail from Orange Beach/Gulf State Park to the Wal-Mart in Gulf Shores. He also reported that the Lagoon Park was planted with a new Bermuda grass (Celebration) hopefully it will survive/thrive better than the regular Bermuda.

Fall and winter annuals have been removed and we are in the process of putting in Spring/Summer plants. The new city buildings will be the next big project for landscaping.

Old Business – Airport sign and tree ordinance. We asked Mark is anything has been done regarding the replacement of the sign/landscaping on Hwy 59 in front of the airport property. He reported that nothing has been accomplished as yet. We should keep it on our list.

Several board members asked that the tree ordinance be better enforced! There were a number of areas where trees have been cut down without permits and nothing seems to be done about it. Mark was asked to please help with this.

New Business – the painting of graffiti seems to be on the rise. Mark said that the new “stuff” is being cleaned/painted over and this seems to run in cycles – hopefully the police department will be able to handle this problem.

Discussion followed regarding meetings – it was decided that the next meeting will be held on June 4th, 2009. There will be no meeting in July. Motion was made by Jean Moreland, seconded by Evelyn Sanders to accept the schedule. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jean Moreland, seconded by Rodney Powell.

**Respectfully Submitted by
Carolyn Brown, Secretary**