

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
November 11, 2009

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jean Moreland, Rodney Powell, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Evelyn Sanders, Carolyn Doughty and Jim Bauer

Chairman Judy Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Meyer Real Estate since it was Veteran's Day and City Hall was closed.

Minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting were approved as written by motion made by Steve Burrow, seconded by Jean Moreland.

Judy welcomed new board member, Jim Bauer.

Steve Burrow asked all members of the board to suggest a condo complex for the next beautification award. We will vote at the January meeting and present the award after the February meeting.

Rodney gave the update on the website and reminded each of the board members to look at it and give him any suggestions. He advised that he is having some trouble getting the news releases into the Islander and Mobile Press. Carolyn Doughty gave him a name to contact to get some help with this.

There was some discussion regarding the board's roll in the Adopt-a-Mile, Adopt-a-Beach and Adopt-a-Block programs. It was decided that we would work with the city on the Adopt-a-Block program and have information available for the other programs at Arbor Day and on the website. We are not going to "head-up" the programs.

Steve Burrow will contact Milton Rittelmeyer to follow up on the Tree Marker program regarding trees in the State Park.

Carolyn Doughty discussed the South Baldwin Community Theater project and it seems as if the theatre has taken care of the landscaping – the city will provide some Crepe Myrtles when the removal of the Crepe Myrtles from Highway 59 starts. Cliff Collins has given a landscape plan to Rodney for the Theater – Jean Moreland will work with them and if there is anything else they need from us they can let us know.

Evelyn Sanders and Rodney Powell gave the update on the Holiday Village. It looks as if there will a lot of participation.

Jimmie VanValkenburg reminded ALL board members of the date for Arbor Day --- **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Please put the date on your calendars and plan to be there to help!

Jimmie discussed the poster contest and the progress made so far. More about this will be presented at the December meeting.

Carolyn Brown suggested that the Arbor Day 2011 tree be a citrus tree. Maybe, due to cost, one per family. We will ask Cliff Collins to look into the cost and availability.

Carolyn Doughty advised the board of current happenings at the City. She said the neighborhood meetings have been going very well. There are two more scheduled – Fort Morgan and the Beach area. She told the board that Patsy Hollingsworth is retiring in January. The City will really miss her.

Judy Smith provided all present with a list of items from Andy Bauer that the board has agreed to help with.

1. Nuisance ordinance is needed – draft a letter for the city to send
2. Update tree protection ordinance (put more teeth into it )
3. Dilapidated subdivision signs

The Board also revisited its list of Important Items Needing Attention –

1. City Entrance Signs – Beach road, Canal Road and Highway 50
2. Improving the looks of “Dorris’ Ditch” in front of City Hall
3. “OLD’ 59 revitalization

Old Business: Judy will give Janice Childress the paperwork to send in for the Tree City and Growth Awards. They must be submitted prior to the end of the year.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Burrow, seconded by Evelyn Sanders.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Brown, Secretary