

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
October 2, 2008**

Present for the meeting:

Judy Smith, Dorris Hoffman, Carolyn Brown, Steve Burrow, Jimmie VanValkenburgh, Rodney Powell, Jean Moreland, Carolyn Doughty, Mark Acreman, Steve Waters

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

Minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were approved with punctuation and capitalization changes requested by Jimmie VanValkenburgh. Motion to approve made by Jimmie VanValkenburgh, seconded by Rodney Powell. Motion carried.

Judy asked if there had been any word from the Airport Board regarding our request for landscaping and a new sign. Jimmie and Carolyn Doughty gave the Board an update. This will be an ongoing project. With budgets tight it might take some time to accomplish our goals.

Steve Waters reported that he has been working on the Sports Plex fixing some of the problems left by the contractors. His crew is getting ready for the Shrimp Festival with special emphasis on Highway 59. He is also working on the master design plans for Lagoon Park, the new buildings across from City Hall and the updating of municipal buildings scheduled for changes to their landscape.

Mark Acreman told the Board that the work on the new buildings is almost finished and invited us all to take a look at them. He said that the sand washed up around the boardwalk at the public beach has been pushed back toward the water and he is working with FEMA and others regarding the replacement of lost sand and dunes.

Judy asked Steve Waters if he could put information on the Website regarding the nourishment of sea oats. It might be helpful for beach front properties to know how to help the sea oats to grow and protect their properties. Judy also asked if Steve had some time before the November meeting to get with her and make certain that we have enough points for the Growth Award and to help get the information to Janice Childress.

Judy asked Jimmie for her report on Arbor Day. Jimmie told the Board that she had looked over the location we have chosen for Arbor Day 2009 (Kid's Park Pavilion) and has the layout worked out. Discussion followed. Since it is in a new part of the Park a few things will be different. It was agreed by all that more publicity is needed. Rodney told Jimmie he would be happy to do whatever he can to accomplish this.

Jimmie also reported that she had participated in the Coastal Cleanup and was working with Gulf Shores Middle School to plant 3 new crepe myrtles and possibly some more trees to replace some of the ones that have died.

We are going to the K McElroy Salon after the meeting today to present the Beautification Award for the 4th quarter 2008. We will choose the 1st quarter 2009 at the December meeting.

It was decided by all present that we would focus on Arbor Day. After Arbor Day we will revisit the Treasured/Champion Tree issue.

Motion to adjourn by Rodney, seconded by Jimmie.

Next meeting Thursday, November 6, 2008

**Respectfully Submitted by
Carolyn Brown, Secretary**