



Mooresville Beautification Committee

June 23, 2016 Minutes

Members Present:

Barbara Pfeffer, Chair
Kelly Anderson, Vice Chair
Mark Fowler
Ed Price
Kathy Rabideau
Tony Walters

Also Present:

Commissioner Houston
Maureen Gable, Planner, Town Staff

Absent: Lauren Moore-Fischer, Ann Payne, Dan Payne, Melissa Short, and William Washburn.

- 1. Welcome:** Ms. Pfeffer welcomed the Committee.
- 2. Call meeting to order:** Ms. Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 5:54. It was determined that a quorum was present.
- 3. Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Walters, to approve the May 25, 2016 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Budget:** Ms. Pfeffer stated that the committee had \$531.41 left in the budget. She noted, however that there were outstanding invoices to be paid. She estimated that balance would be \$334.21 after these invoices are processed for payment.
- 5. Buildings and Grounds:** There were no updates to report.
- 6. Beautification Award and Yard of Distinction:** Mr. Fowler reported that one of the Committee's Yard of Distinction signs was stolen from 427 Carpenter Avenue. Mr. Fowler reported the theft to the police. He said that the sign was later found in a yard in Cherry Grove and has been recovered.

Ms. Anderson nominated 410 S. Church Street for the Beautification Award. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gable stated that she would provide the property owner information. Ms. Anderson stated that she would contact the property owner and make the presentation.
- Ms. Rabideau made a motion to nominate Rick and Margaret Cerchiara's yard at 669 E Iredell Avenue for the Yard of Distinction Award. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Ms. Rabideau stated that she would contact the Cerchiara's and present the award after the July 4 holiday.
- 8. Eyesores:** The members discussed a property on N. Main St. across from the Kangaroo Station. Ms. Gable stated that she would give the complaint to the Code Enforcement officer.



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Mr. Price stated that there was a burned home and debris left on a lot in the Kistler Road and Rocky River Road area. Ms. Gable stated that she would investigate and give the complaint to the Code Enforcement Officer if the property is within the Town's limits.

The Committee also discussed the Town's gateway signs at US 21 and Brawley School Road and at the junction of Highways 150 & 152. Ms. Pfeffer stated that she would talk to Mr. Brawley about low growing vines and other drought-tolerant flowers for those planters below the sign area.

9. Old Business:

(A) **Storage Building Update:** Commissioner Houston stated that he would check with Mr. Bennett Brown on the status of the storage building.

(A) **Watering Planters in the Downtown:** Ms. Pfeffer stated that both watering carts are at the Depot. She stated that on Mondays the Depot closes at 12:00. She also stated that the wheels on one of the carts were damaged. She replaced the damaged wheels and reported that both carts are charged and in working order. Ms. Pfeffer also stated that Mrs. Hornaday, a Broad Street property owner, will allow the Beautification Committee to use her water hose to fill carts. Ms. Pfeffer said that it will be easier to get the carts across the tracks if they are empty and can be filled at Mrs. Hornaday's property.

Ms. Anderson stated that she designed and printed flyers regarding the downtown planters and the need for watering help. Ms. Pfeffer stated that she had handed the fliers out to the business owners and indicated that they were generally well received.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that all the planters need to be watered on Mondays because some businesses do not water the planters on weekends and are closed on Mondays. She stated that the business owners from Bob's Grill and southward on Main Street are being watered by the business owners.

Ms. Gable stated that Mr. Bennett Brown reported that his crew is now watering all the large planters on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Mr. Fowler stated that the trees have been doing well in the self-watering planters, but the tops need to be continually watered for the annuals. Ms. Pfeffer stated that the self-watering planters need to be filled every two weeks and that it takes about 5 minutes to fill the reservoirs. Ms. Gable stated that she would contact Mr. Brown about showing the crew how to fill the self-watering planter reservoirs.

Mr. Walters said that he waters at the Depot on Tuesday. He said that he would do more areas if needed.



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Commissioner Houston asked for a list of business owners that are not helping water the planters. He said that he would like to personally ask them for help with the watering. Ms. Pfeffer and Ms. Anderson stated that they would provide a list to Commissioner Houston. He said that he would be glad to walk with Ms. Pfeffer in the downtown to water and talk with the business owners.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that she would work with the Inspiration for Aspirations (IFO) volunteer and the mother that will be helping to water the plants at the park across the street from the Epic Chop House. She said that she will work on a watering schedule. Ms. Anderson stated that it is especially important to have a schedule for Sundays and Mondays. Mr. Fowler stated that he and his nephew can also help with the watering.

(B) Tree Dedication for Commissioner Herring: Ms. Pfeffer stated that she spoke with Mrs. Jill Herring to let her know that the Bench was from the Town Board and that the Tree Dedication will be from the Beautification Committee. Mrs. Herring said that the tree dedication would be most welcomed. Ms. Pfeffer stated that it would be good to schedule the planting and dedication for the fall.

(C) Mural Painting Update: Mr. Fowler reported that he had heard from Emily from Coca-Cola in Charlotte and that all of the 2016 slots are full. Mr. Fowler stated that Emily said she would add Mooresville to the 2017 list for assistance.

10. New Business:

(A) Budget 2016-1017: Ms. Anderson prepared a proposed budget based on the \$10,000 approve by the Town Board. She listed items/proposed projects and dollar amount set aside for each item. She distributed copies to the Committee members. The committee discussed each item. Ms. Pfeffer stated that the Committee usually spends more than \$900 on fall plantings.

The committee discussed other projects and supply needs. It was agreed that the old trees in the planters need to be removed. It was agreed that the trees should be replanted elsewhere if possible. Ms. Pfeffer reported that the Committee still has 2 round planters and Ms. Anderson asked how many planters in all do we have (unplanted). Ms. Pfeffer stated that the Committee has 6. Ms. Anderson stated that the green planters shown on the schematic show where the trees are currently planted.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that she would speak with Mr. Brawley about improving the planters under the Town Gateway signs and getting an estimate for planting these areas.



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The Committee discussed reworking/relocating the Bench for Commissioner Herring. It was suggested that the Bench be moved to the side or rear of the Blue Star Garden so that folks could view the garden while seated on the bench. Commissioner Houston said that the benches are coordinated with the sidewalk along Main Street. He said that the Committee would need to get a drawing and a price before that could be considered. Ms. Anderson suggested that the Tree Dedication for Commissioner Herring could be a part of the reworking of the bench location and improvement of the Blue Star garden with pavers if the Town Board approves of the relocation.

ACTION: Mr. Fowler made a motion to accept the budget with the proposed projects as submitted by Ms. Anderson. Ms. Rabideau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Anderson suggested two locations for the tree for Commissioner Herring: the Blue Star Garden, and outside of Town Hall along the front sidewalk opposite of the other tree. She suggested that the Committee have another location in mind for the next meeting. Commissioner Houston stated that the Town Manager and Building and Grounds supervisor would need to approve the location and that it would need to be on Town property.

ACTION: Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walters, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed at 6:52 p.m.

**NOTE:
BUDGET ATTACHED**