



# Mooresville Beautification Committee

## August 25, 2016 Minutes

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### Members Present:

Barbara Pfeffer, Chair  
Mark Fowler  
Kathy Rabideau

### Also Present:

Commissioner Houston  
Bennett Brown, Building and Grounds Supervisor  
Maureen Gable, Planner, Town Staff

**Absent:** Kelly Anderson, Lauren Moore-Fischer, Ann Payne, Dan Payne, Ed Price, Melissa Short, Tony Walters, and William Washburn.

- 1. Welcome:** Ms. Pfeffer welcomed the Committee at 5:40.
- 2. Call meeting to order:** Ms. Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 5:42. It was determined that a quorum was not present. Ms. Gable stated that the Committee could still meet, but would not be permitted to vote on any expenditures.

The committee discussed the condition of the CVS awning, parking lot, and the wall that had been pushed down. Ms. Pfeffer stated that she spoke with the CVS manager. The Manager stated that she wanted to help clean up and beautify the store and parking area, but that those decisions came from CVS corporate and could not be made locally.

- 3. Minutes:** The Committee discussed approving the minutes via email voting or approving them at the next meeting.

- 4. Budget:** Ms. Pfeffer stated that the committee had \$9,985.86 in the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

- 5. Beautification Award and Yard of Distinction:** Ms. Pfeffer stated that there were three homes that were suggested for nomination for Yard of Distinction: Winterfield, McLelland, and Hawleyville. Pictures of the homes and yards were shown. No vote was taken.

Ain't Miss Bead Haven at 138 S. Main Street received the Beautification Award. Ms. Moore-Fischer had agreed to present the award.

- 6. Eyesores:** The members discussed the home whose backyard fronts Church Street. The Committee agreed that it needed to be cleaned. Ms. Pfeffer stated that she would get the address and forward to Ms. Gable so that the Code Compliance Officer could investigate the complaint.



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**7. Building and Grounds:** Mr. Bennett Brown stated that the storage building for the Beautification Committee's water buffalos, wagon, and supplies was still planned. He said that the Town Board had voted to approve the funding in the 2016-2017 budget. However, there was a mistake in the budget entry that resulted in the omittance of the building funding entry. Mr. Brown stated that he has spoken with the Town Manager and Commissioner Houston. He said that the funds would be found and the building would happen. Commissioner Houston agreed. Mr. Brown said that the location is still undetermined. He said that several areas at the Charles Mac Citizen Center were considered but thus far have had issues that prevent the storage building placement there. Commissioner Houston and Mr. Brown stated that they would continue to look and investigate suitable sites for the building. Commissioner Houston stated that the storage building could not be located on Main Street.

Commissioner Houston, Mr. Brown and the Committee discussed other temporary storage locations in the downtown. It was agreed that the current use of the Art Depot for one water buffalo and Salon 250, where Ms. Pfeffer is employed, for storage of the second water buffalo would be acceptable until a permanent storage solution is made available.

**8. Old Business:** The Committee discussed the downtown planter watering. Ms. Pfeffer stated that more watering needs to be done. She said that there are 4 planters near CVS and 12 large planters that need to be heavily watered so that the trees planted in them do not die. She said that the potato vines are doing well.

Mr. Brown said that the Town has a water tank truck that holds 250-300 gallons. Ms. Pfeffer stated that the water buffalos will fill two of the large self-watering planter reservoirs. Mr. Brown said that he would like to hire a part-time employee to help with the watering for about 8 hours per week. He said that he could pay for that from his budget. The Committee stated that they would be glad to have that extra help.

**9. New Business:** Commissioner Houston announced that the Town had received a grant from the State for \$93,000 for treescaping in the Downtown. Ms. Pfeffer asked if this would be a part of the Downtown Plan. Commissioner Houston stated that he would need to ask the Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager how the money could be spent.

Mr. Brown stated that he had visited Mount Airy. He said that the city of Mount Airy has a full time staff position that is liaison to their Beautification Committee.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that the park adjacent to Wells Fargo is not being maintained. Commissioner Houston said that he would speak with Mr. Kirk Ballard about the maintenance of that park.



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Ms. Pfeffer stated that the shrubs along the wall of Bob's Grill adjacent to the CVS drive aisle are overgrown and have trash under them. Mr. Brown stated that the Town could not clean it or pay for that. Commissioner Houston stated that Kim Sellers is the Town's PIO (Public Information Officer). He said that she may be able to contact folks to help with such things through the Day of Caring volunteer project.

Mr. Brown stated that Town Manager Smith has approved the tree planting for former Commissioner Mac Herring. Mr. Brown suggested a red maple. He said that the Town has guaranteed pricing on 15 gallon trees from Turtle Creek. Ms. Pfeffer stated that she would check the prices at Turtle Creek and at Site One Landscaping. Mr. Brown said to be certain to get Town pricing. He said that Building and Grounds would pick up the tree and plant it.

**Fall Planting:** Ms. Pfeffer said that the Committee needs to replace some of the round planters with square self-watering ones. She stated that some planters should be relocated to other Town sites, such as the Selma Burke Center, Talbert Point Rec Center, Winnie Hooper Center, and the War Memorial.

Mr. Brown suggested that the Willow Valley Cemetery entrance should be considered for the Beautification Award. He said that the new bench and improvements from the recent Eagle project have really made the area near the arch attractive.

**ACTION:** Ms. Pfeffer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rabideau, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.