

Thomasville Beautification Meeting
Thursday, March 16th, 2023
Ball Park Community Center

Call to Order: Carol Brown

Voting Member Present: Carol Brown, Denise Barnes, Myra Scott Gray, Cherie Johnson, Hilda Warner, Nathan Smith, Larry Darr, Molly Hussey, Brooke Murphy, Crystal Hodges

NV Members Present: Todd Sechrist, David Bovender

Absent: Olivia Ilardi, Tyler Allred, Jeanette Shepherd, Lt. Raymond Widener

Special Guests: Eric Kuppel and Cameron Marsden

Approval of Minutes: Nathan Smith made the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Hilda Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report given by Carol Brown. Larry Darr made the motion to approve the report. Nathan Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Business of the Month: Brooke Murphy made the motion to approve Terry House Barbeque on Fisher Ferry St. due to the significant improvements made to the interior and exterior of the business. Denise Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Landscaping: Todd reported that the tulips are up and looking good. There are some sprinkler system issues at the Big Chair. Todd will be putting out pre-emergent, getting quotes on sprinkler repairs, sprucing up Will Harper and John Hauss parks with pine needles. Pruning is to take place at the Parks and Rec. building. The magnolias behind the Big Chair need trimming. Crystal Hodges made the motion to spend up to \$1000 on the sprinkler system repairs. Larry Darr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cherie Johnson made the motion to accept the quote of \$1250 for the trimming of the magnolias behind the Big Chair. Denise Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Tunnel Quote: Tunnel decisions continue to be delayed due to questions regarding the project.

Litter Sweep: It was reported that over 16 bags of trash were collected during our March clean up. The next litter sweep will be April 8th.

Adopt A Street: Denise reported that she sent out 24 letters to the street adoptees reminding them of their commitment to clean the area at least 4 times a year. She is getting more street adoptions on a regular basis. Denise, along with Rita, designed a new "Adopt A Street" sign. Thanks to Darryl Poole, we are able to get our signs from a different company and at a better price.

NC Main Street Conference: Report given by the 3 members that attended the conference. There are many resources available to the cities that get into the program. Carol, Denise and Todd had a good experience and are hopeful for Thomasville.

Tourism Updates: Cameron reported BL Makers Festival will be 4/1. Tourism has made interactive changes to their website, which is exciting. Tourism is also working on a mural walk with a map and brochure.

New Projects: Everybody's Day is September 30th. We plan to have a booth.

Open Discussion: Eric Kuppel is working to clean the main streets coming into town. He commented that the water plant on Lexington Ave. has great walls for murals.

Meeting Adjourned: Next Meeting –April 20th @ 8:30am

Respectfully Submitted: Crystal Hodges