

Thomasville Beautification Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thomasville Aquatics & Community Center

Call to Order: Denise Barnes

Voting Members Present: Denise Barnes, Carol Brown, Crystal Hodges, Brooke Murphy, Nan Griffith, Hilda Warner, Molly Lassiter, Myra Scott Grey, Nathan Smith, Olivia Ilardi, Cherie Johnson

NV Members Present: Todd Sechrist, David Bovender, Lisa Shell

Absent: Larry Darr and Jamie McClanathan

Guests: Paula Peters, Eric Kuppel, Tammy Joyce, Cameron Marsden

Welcome: Denise welcomed our new member, Nan Griffith.

Approval of Minutes: Cherie Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Hilda Warner seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Carol Brown gave the report for February. Brooke Murphy made the motion to approve. Cherie Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

Application for Outside Agency Funds: After discussion among the committee and taking into account the increase in flowers and other materials, it was decided that we would ask for \$50K.

Business of the Month: Nathan Smith made the motion for Sisters of Hope NC Inc. at 703 Lexington Ave. Brooke Murphy seconded. Motion approved.

Landscaping: Todd reported that everything is done and waiting on word from the growers of the summer plants. The tulips are in bloom and ready for photographs.

Master Gardeners: Denise reported that Thomasville gardens will be on the tour for 2025.

Yard of the Month: It was decided that YOM will begin in April.

Litter Sweep: Our last litter sweep was successful, gathering 25 bags of litter. The next clean-up will be April 13. Members are encouraged to like, comment and share the FB post regarding Litter Sweep.

Adopt A Street: Denise reported that all new signs are up. She sent a letter to all active adoptees reminding them of DOT litter sweep coming up in April.

Christmas Subcommittee: There will be a meeting on April 19th @ 5:30 at JJ's Deli.

New Projects/Ideas: Discussion regarding possible purchase of Red, White and Blue banners.

Tourism Update: Cameron reported 6/11 Thomasville Stars at Finch field. The Rotary Club will sponsor a golf tournament and Derby party on 5/4. Updates have been done to Comfort and Quality Inns.

Downtown Econ Dev.: Tammy reported that May 4 will be Spring Daze from 8am-2pm. It will be at the Farmer's Market with Tourism, Historic Preservation and PACE as sponsors. May 21st at Ballpark will be another community input meeting regarding the Main Street program.

City Council Updates: Lisa Shell reported the city will be paving 5 ½ miles of roadway this year. A new parking lot on Trade St. is to be paved. The council is passing ordinances to update the building codes to keep buildings in compliance. Council is on board with the Main Street program. A Social district area is being discussed along with ways to grow commerce in the downtown.

Total volunteer hours for February: 73 hours, **YTD:** 221.45

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting: April 18, 2024

Respectfully Submitted: Crystal Hodges