

**Thomasville Beautification Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday, September 15, 2022  
Ball Park Community Center  
7003 Ball Park Road**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Carol H. Brown  
Crystal Hodges  
Brooke Y. Murphy  
Nathan Smith  
Olivia Ilardi  
Larry Darr  
Hilda Warner  
Cherie Johnson  
Myra Scott Gray  
Tyler Allred  
Denise E. Barnes**

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

**Raymond Widener  
Todd Sechrist  
Jeannette Shepherd**

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Nathan Carlisle  
Molly Hussey**

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

**David Bovender**

**Special Guests:**

**Eddie Bowling, Asst. City Manager  
Cameron Marsden, Director of Tourism**

Carol H. Brown, chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

The minutes from the August 18th meeting were read individually and approved.

Due to not having a quorum at the August meeting, the financial reports for June, July and August were all presented and approved.

Carol presented the quotes for curbing at the fountain and Big Chair. The committee approved to use A Modern Curb Appeal as the contractor. It was suggested that a lighter color be added to the curbing and to ask the company to do a “mock up” for the committee to view prior to installation.

Poppi's Waffles was approved as Business of the Month.

Todd Sechrist gave a landscaping report and presented the committee with an estimate for fall plantings and replacement plantings at the Depot, Bandstand and at the edge of the Northstate Parking Lot (Salem Street). It was suggested that the magnolias at the bandstand be pruned as they are encroaching on the back of the Big Chair. There is also a tree growing against the control box near the bandstand that needs to be removed. The city maintenance crew will be notified.

Tyler Allred gave a report for Litter Sweep. East Main (behind the former National Motor Company) and areas along 109 were cleaned. Inclement weather prohibited a larger area to be covered. Tyler also mentioned the "Keep Davidson County Beautiful" committee, who conduct litter sweeps across the county on Thursday mornings. He encouraged the committee members to pick up litter whenever and wherever possible.

There was no Adopt-A-Street information to be reported.

Everybody's Day is Saturday, September 24th. A sheet was sent around for committee members to sign up to work. We will set up at 8:00 a.m. and break down at 4:00 p.m. It was suggested to sell the prints for 3 for \$25. The Christmas banners will sell for \$5 each.

Light Up the Holidays will be held on Saturday, November 19th. The following items were discussed and the sub-committee will finalize:

- purchasing a new banner
- using "Card My Yard" again as advertisement
- Road closures (not certain if Memorial Park Drive can be closed as requested)
- number of off-duty police officers needed from 3:30-8:30

We will have another workday at Trade Street on Friday, September 23rd, starting at 9:00. The garland for the windows needs to have new lights strung and the iron figurines need to be repainted.

Hilda Warner reported that the lights on the tops of businesses at 711 West Main and at Cross Ties Restaurant are all now working. Some bulbs on the downtown buildings need replacing and the city maintenance crew will do this.

The committee voted and approved to rent a float for the Christmas Parade, to be held on Saturday, December 10th, at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$625.00.

Cameron Marsden, Tourism Director, gave a brief report on Everybody's Night (September 23rd) and on the Christmas Parade. She also agreed to help advertise Light Up the Holidays. The Tourism Commission will again sponsor the Window Decorating Contest. Companies are needed to help sponsor this as well. The Beautification Committee will vote on the windows at the next meeting on November 17th.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting: November 17 at 8:30 a.m.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Denise E. Barnes