

Thomasville Beautification Meeting  
Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Ball Park Community Center

**Call to Order:** Carol Brown

**Voting Members Present:** Carol Brown, Denise Barnes, Hilda Warner, Cherie Johnson, Crystal Hodges, Olivia Ilardi, Nathan Smith, Tyler Allred, Molly Hussey, Brooke Murphy

**NV Members Present:** Jeanette Shepherd, Todd Sechrist, Lt. Raymond Widener

**Absent:** Larry Darr, Myra Scott Gray, Nathan Carlisle, David Bovender

**Guests:** Eric Kuppel, Cameron Marsden, Eddie Bowling

**Approval of Minutes:** Nathan Smith made the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Tyler Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Report given by Carol Brown. Crystal Hodges made the motion to approve the report. Cherie Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

**Business of the Month:** Nathan Smith made the motion to approve the Stop N Shop Express at 1102 National Highway due to the significant improvements made to the interior and exterior of the building. Brooke noted that the inside is clean, and the exterior lighting was also mentioned. Tyler Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Landscaping:** Todd reported that the warm weather is encouraging the plants to do well. He is concerned that the tulips will bloom too early. PACE inquired about placing hanging baskets on the light poles downtown. The basket brackets would have to be fabricated in order to fit on our unique pole size and a watering system would have to be put in place before proceeding with this plan.

**Litter Sweep:** Tyler reported that 20 bags of trash were collected from the February litter sweep. Tyler also spoke about his presentation to the City Council during their retreat. He used a very good illustration for the need for everyone to do their part with regards to litter. The statewide DOT litter cleanup is 4/15-4/29.

**Adopt A Street:** Denise reported that there are available streets for adoption due to the aging out of some of the adoptees. Ideas were shared about how to increase awareness of the adopt a street program.

**Christmas Sleigh:** Crystal presented the opportunity for the committee to purchase a wooden sleigh for our community Holiday events. The sleigh is approximately 200 lbs. It is 8 feet long, 5 feet wide and 5 ½ feet tall. A similar metal one from Mosca is approximately \$13,000. Nathan Smith made the motion. Denise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tunnel:** Carol received 3 quotes for painting a mural in the tunnel using an anti-graffiti topcoat from Jeff Beck. This was a project initiated by Tammy Joyce. After discussion, more information needs to be forthcoming before voting.

**NC Main Street Conference:** The conference will be in Statesville for 3 days. It was suggested that Carol and Denise attend. Molly made the motion and Cherie seconded to send 2 representatives from our committee. Motion carried. Todd Sechrist will attend and pay his own way. (Due to Todd being a contract employee with the City, he must pay).

**Tourism:** Cameron reported that Train Day was **very** successful. She will have to search for a larger venue for next year. Thomasville Day will be Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Updates:** Lt. Widener reported that work continues in cleaning up the homeless camps in the community. DOT is aware of the areas that need attention.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Next Meeting- March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am

Respectfully Submitted: Crystal Hodges