

Thomasville Beautification Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20th, 2023
Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center

Call to Order: Carol Brown

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

NV Members Present: Todd Sechrist, David Bovender

Absent: Larry Darr, Cherie Johnson, Myra Scott Gray

Guests: Raleigh York, Jr., Juanita York, Ron Fowler, Eric Kuppel, Eric Shepherd, Jr., Paula Peters, Michael Brandt, Hunter Thrift

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

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

Business of the Month: Crystal Hodges made the motion to approve Major Aesthetic at 100 East Main St. Denise Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YOM: The yard of Gloria and Chris Baxter at 1142 West Green St. was decided for yard of the month.

Landscaping: Todd Sechrist reported that all is going well and the water guy is doing a good job. Since our new budget is in, the committee voted on the sprinkler contract for the Basic Plan which includes 2 visits a year for \$315 plus tax. Nathan Smith made the motion to approve the Basic Plan. Denise Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Fall Banners: The idea to purchase fall banners was discussed. Considerations were discussed as to the length of time the banners would be up and the Everybody's Day banners that are up during the same time. It was decided that Carol would talk with PACE and Keith Tobin, at the chamber, on options.

Litter Sweep: Tyler reported that we have had good litter pickups. The next sweep will be August 12th. It was suggested that we acquire some additional grabbers for anyone that wishes to help. Eric Kuppel said that he would try to get the committee some grabbers.

Adopt A Street: There was nothing to report. Denise will check the cost of replacing all of the signs with the new design. The company is in Florida and will give a discount for over 10.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 1st. We will give out Sno-Cones. Meet at the police station at 5pm.

Everybody's Day: Saturday, September 30th. We may sell postcards.

Christmas Windows: Denise reported that flooding happened in the Trade St. building. There is a chance that some of the shelving may warp due to the flood waters. Denise worked to vacuum the water and used fans to dry out the wood.

Light up the Holidays: The train, music, food trucks and road closure have all been secured. The date for the festivities is November 18th.

Downtown Updates: Michael Brandt reported that the city has been accepted into the Downtown Affiliate program. This enters our city into a 2 year period which begins in September. This is the first step with the NC Main Street program. Michael also reported that the Lamp post lights on Main have been replaced with LED lights. Salem and Randolph lights will be replaced at a later date.

The streetscape program is kicking off with Tammy Joyce leading it.

The company will also be working with Parks and Recreation with regard to the parks. The city is working on the flooding issue at Trade St. A French drain may need to be installed and a sump pump.

New Projects/Ideas: Crystal made the suggestion that the committee consider having American Flags put up in the downtown area.

Updates: Eric Kuppel will be placing trash bags at the homeless camps with the city's cooperation. This will help with the trash at the camps and is a health issue.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting-August 17th @ 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal Hodges