



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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## Germantown Beautification Commission

The regular meeting of the Beautification Commission for Monday, April 3, 2017 was held at 5:30 p.m. The Meeting was held in the conference room at the Parks and Recreation Building, 2276 West Street.

### **Present:**

Clifton Gurley - Chairman  
Lisa Stagoski  
Lana Fowler  
Rory Theeuwes  
Sylvia Poll  
Natalie Williams  
Albert Pope  
Susan Sharp

### **Absent:**

Jennifer Brown  
Victoria Bruns  
Evelyn Ward  
Mary Anne Gibson, Alderman Liaison

*Pam Beasley, Staff Liaison*  
*Teresa Martin, Staff*

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order @ 5:30 p.m.

### **Quorum**

A quorum was established with 8 members present.

### **Approval of Agenda and February 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes

**Motioned by:** Natalie Williams

**Seconded by:** Albert Pope

**Motion passed:** Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain-0

### **New Business:**

#### **Business Recognition Award Calendar:**

Natalie Williams presented a nomination for the business beautification award winner for April. She chose Riverdale Elementary School. With further discussion, Pam Beasley stated that to keep the award consistent we would need to choose a business and not a school going forward. They concluded that because the purpose of the Business Beautification Award should remain a Business, Chairman Gurley asked the Commission to agree on nominating Saddle Creek as the April Business of the month due to their vast landscaping they have done. Pam asked Natalie Williams to work with Teresa Martin to contact, gather, and collect pictures of the Shops of Saddle Creek to let the property manager know they have won and to ask them to be present at the April 24 for the presentation of their award.

**Motion:** To approve the selection of Shops of Saddle Creek as the April business beautification award winner.

**Motioned by:** Natalie Williams

**Seconded by:** Albert Pope

**Motion passed:** Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain-0

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### **Depot Landscape Plan Review:**

Pam informed the commission that Andy Pouncy is the city Historian and is partnering with Pam on the landscape design for Depot Park. Andy Pouncey suggested that we remove all the holly bushes, and replacing them with Abelia bushes that will be pruned in a free form not box form. Pam is working with LSG to clean up landscape. Some of the Saucer Magnolia trees had scale and have not been pruned, with advise from an arborist that came out to inspect the trees, the arborist suggested that Pam replace them with Sweet Bay Magnolia trees which line the sidewalk in Depot Park. Pam Beasley invited the Commission to tour the Depot Park with her, to view and discuss future landscaping options. After the Tour Pam discussed the Arkansas Bluestar that produce little blue flowers that she has discussed planting on the hill beside the Depot. Pam will Work with Andy Pouncy and have him create the landscape design to submit to the commission at the next meeting to vote on. Andy Pouncey has asked the Historic Commission for some funds and will ask the Beautification for funds as well for the work on Depot Park design and landscape. Pam would like to ask the Commission to support the concept of the as described of plant removal of landscaping Depot Park

**Motion:** To consider supporting the concept of plant removal and replacement of landscape at Depot Park.

**Motioned by:** Sylvia Poll

**Seconded by:** Lisa Stagoski

**Motion passed:** Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain-0

### **Old Business:**

#### **Oaklawn Arboretum Project Update:**

Pam discussed that we have applied for a Level 1 Arboretum Designation for Oaklawn Garden. We are working with the state of Tennessee Urban Forestry Department. Due to the Arboretum Designation we connected with the Tennessee Chapter of Natural Conservancy. They have provided us with “If Trees Could Sing” signs to place in front of the designated trees at Oaklawn Garden. The signs have a Q-code; when you scan it with your phone a country music artist will tell you about the tree. Ricky Pollard is a local Eagle Scout; he has reached out to the Pickle Iron Company in Memphis to make the sign holders that will be placed in front of the trees. Pam has announced the dates for Oaklawn Garden Clean up and Arboretum Designation Ribbon Cutting. The Beautification Commission will be receiving a invitation arriving to their home address soon. The event will be rain or shine. If it is raining we will have the ribbon cutting in the Pickering Center.

#### **Special projects Report:**

Pam wanted to extend a Thank you from the Germantown Kiwanis Club for the help on the Kiwanis Club Pavilion at Municipal Park. The renovation has been completed and looks great.

The Boulder Project at City Hall is completed and Pam invited the Commission to go by and observe the landscaping with the boulders at the entrance of City Hall.

#### **Arbor Day Event - Post Evaluation:**

Pam Beasley discussed the Arbor Day event. She discussed that Arbor Day Dogwood Tree Giveaway and Fruit Tree Sale was a sellout. Pam stated that this is the first year we have sold out of all of the trees.

#### **Holiday Décor Purchases:**

Teresa Martin has purchased 40 outdoor red marine fabric Bows from Holiday Designs, Inc. for the existing holiday wreaths that will be hung on the telephone Poles. Teresa presented the bow for the commission to see. The holiday bows were purchased at a cost of \$1740.00. We have about \$800 left in our FY17 budget for incidentals.

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**Announcements/ Save the date:**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

Oaklawn Garden Clean-up Day: Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Oaklawn Garden Arboretum Designation: Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

Beautification Business Award month assignments:

- May - Chairman Clifton Gurley
- June – Rory Theeuwes
- August – Albert Pope
- September – Sylvia Poll
- October – Evelyn Ward
- November – Susan Sharp

**Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.