

Beautification Commission

Minutes for
October 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Beautification Commission was rescheduled for September 9, 2009 to participate in the GroWild field trip to Warner Park.

PRESENT

Emily Bader
Victoria Bruns
LeAnn Byrum
Jacque Cliff
Lana Fowler
Deborah LaChapelle
Betty McFarland
Pam Beasley, Staff liaison

ABSENT

Jane Carter
Pat Smith
Selby Horton

Emily called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Minutes were approved as sent to Commissioners. A note from Ann Frogge stated she needed to resign immediately due to family commitments.

Pam gave the treasures report as unchanged due to no expenses. She reviewed the format for giving an expenditure report each month.

Jacque and LeeAnn shared their gained knowledge from visiting GroWild. It was agreed to revisit this nursery.

Victoria informed us that **In the Garden** for 10-6-09 would be well attended with 8 at the 10 am session and 15 at the 6pm class. It was agreed that suggestions for the winter series must be discussed at the November meeting in order to have descriptions ready for the FYI publication.

Deborah recommended Stringer At the Point as the recipient for the **Business Award** for November. The seasonal decorations along with planting create an attractive location for citizens to enjoy as they shop.

Friday, October 16 at 10am Commissioners will replant the **self-watering containers**. The Commission voted to spend no more than \$40.00 per container. Victoria offered to order plants at wholesale cost.

Pam discussed about the storyboard to be created for the **Neighborhood Summit** October 22, 2009 at the Great Hall. Commissioners will be on site to talk about projects completed during the year. The Commissioners agreed to hand out In the Garden postcards, Living Legacy brochures, and "save the date" information for future events.

Betty will represent the Commission at the **Senior Expo** on November 4, 2009. The storyboard and handouts will be available to attendees.

The Commissioners agreed to walk the **Holiday Parade** on December 12, 2009. The group will wear gardener's aprons and red hats while pushing decorated wheelbarrows. A choreographed routine will be created to stage in front of the judges.

The **Tree at People Street** is to be decorated November 12, at 9:30 am.

Commissioners agreed to participate at the **Holiday Tree Lighting** event on November 27, 4:30 to 7pm.

Emily offered to contact Stacey, Public Officer at City Hall, to print information in the papers regarding the **Holiday Lighting Contest**.

A letter to each school will be mailed by the end of November offering **School Grant Funding** for landscaping and maintenance for the year 2010. Information from the Schools must be returned by February 1st so the award may be given by mid February. Emily, LeeAnn and Jacque agreed to meet as a subcommittee to review specifics of the grant. Perhaps lawn equipment or maintenance funding needs to be included in the grant.

A **Removal, Replacement, Recycle (R-3)** project will be implemented the result of an 80-year-old tree, which needs to be removed from Municipal Park. Three trees from the Wolf River green space will be planted in the place of the diseased tree. Wood from the diseased tree may be used for benches, carving, or signage.

Commissioners were informed of the **Mayor's Appreciation Dinner** November 12th. Jane Carter agreed to decorate a centerpiece tree for our Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Bader