

Beautification/Tree Board

Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Conference Room, City Hall

6pm

Pat welcomed and introduced new members Liz Cuneo and Betty Hall. She also welcomed and introduced our new council liaison, Bill Holtzclaw.

October Minutes were reviewed/Approved.

Stephen gave a treasurer's report.

Pat gave out a calendar for upcoming activities for the Board over the next year. It also listed members participating in those particular activities. She encouraged other members to sign up for listed items.

Mitzi and Karen gave an update on how the Madison/Huntsville Joint Meeting went. It went smoothly and was a good joint experience.

Mitzi gave an update on the progress of the webpage.

Stephen gave an update on the Christmas 08 parade float. It was a good float and we now have some new decorations for next year's.

Carol gave an update on the Tree Survey/Huntsville Utilities Company. Last month, she gave a report on our 2008/2009 projects and they were impressed and amazed at what our board does.

She is working closely with Huntsville Utilities. In about two weeks they will begin doing a tree/power line survey in Madison. This will take about six weeks to complete. Afterwards, they will tag trees that need to be cut or removed, due to their close proximity to power lines. They have asked for our help.

Our board can facilitate how homeowners can play an active role and what to expect.

1. Information can be provided beforehand showing homeowners how to identify which trees would need to be cut and how to cut them themselves.
2. If a tree has to be removed, a \$75 voucher is being provided by Huntsville Utilities (per tree) to a local nursery, for replacement.
3. Place an article in our local paper, letting residents know that tree trimming will be happening and noting the above options.
4. Bill H. (Council liaison) said we could put a notice on the City website.

Local Park Tree Survey: Carol has completed Homestead Park and working with Bonnie at Park and Rec. on what information needs to be captured. Previously, the park survey was in hard copy only. Carol will put all new information in a database/cd. She is working not only to identify trees, but make recommendations on what could be added to enhance the park.

Kristen, Shrail, Debbie, and Pat gave an update on the Auburn Project and asked that all members try to attend the upcoming charrette at the end of February. Pat also gave out a timeline for activities over the three days Auburn students will be here.

Debbie and Pat updated the group on the Contractor Breakfast. Planning is going well and they are hoping for an excellent turnout.

Kristen and Stephen updated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rose Sale. The location has been moved. In process of securing another site. Potential Sites are the dentist/orthodontist parking lot on Hughes, the old Post Office, Appleby's, or Dollar General Grocery. We have 1000 roses on hold for the sale and it was asked that board members were needed to help the day of the sale.

Debbie and Shrail updated the group on the upcoming Arbor Week events. It will be the first week of March.

T-Teen plantings

R-embankment planting

E-education seedlings handed out

E-Ken Creel

S-Sprucing Up

Volunteers are needed to prepare the seedlings.

Kristen updated on Clean the Green. We have a working ToDo list. Members asked to sign up for items. Upcoming meeting with City entities to prepare for festival, police, fire department, parks/rec, and city volunteer coordinator.

Shrail updated the group on the Balch Road Extension Greenway.

Gean presented the idea of the Board purchasing a gardening book for placement in the Madison Public Library courtesy of the Board. A few book options were discussed and she will follow up on the process.

Pat told the Board that we were in the process of preparing our new storage area at the old fire station and that we would also have a small office there. We will complete our February contract with current storage and move before beginning a March one.

Pat set date for 10k committee to meet Feb. 11 @ 7pm.

The meeting was opened for announcements.

The meeting was adjourned.