

City of Madison Beautification & Tree Board Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2009
Conference Room, City Hall/6pm

No Agenda given for meeting

Opening Business:

Present:

Kathy and Callie Biddlecombe(guests)

Stephen Simpson, Gigi Bullman(advisory member), Sue Bish, Mitzi Adams, Darla Malueg, Karen Jernigan, Carol Umstaedter, Allison Wheeler

Welcome

Stephen Simpson called the meeting to order.

Guest speakers: Kathy and Callie Biddlecombe presented a project idea to the group. Rainbow Elementary 6th Grade/Lego Robotics Competition started thinking of ways to save money by planting deciduous plants/trees.

How does climate affect our community? This project answers question by planting deciduous trees to add cooling around school buildings. North and northwest evergreen plantings would help also by blocking Northern winds. This could save up to 25% of our heating/cooling bill, not sure how to scale in order to select types of trees. Stephen Simpson and Carol Umstaedter agreed to go to the property to make recommendations for type, quantity of trees and phase breakdown. Gigi Buhlman recommended the extension agent could help with soil PH test and will contact to see if she can get some tests donated.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Stephen Simpson suggested waiting until the next meeting to approve minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen Simpson gave the Treasurer's Report

\$5748.13 in Tree Board account

\$20741.04 in Beautification account (pre-knockout rose purchase)

Purchased \$8500 in Roses

Updates

Rose Sale

The roses were held at Palmer Park until we planted 185 at Sullivan and Mill site and 155 at Hughes Road cemetery site.
Friends of the Library purchased 120 roses that were planted at the Library.

Clean the Green

Karen Jernigan updated that Clean the Green is May 9-Judges are needed for the fashion show.
Sue Bish will help with judging at 1pm.

Website

Mitzi Adams posted the Beautification Awards form on the website.

10k Run Through the Roses-No update

T-Shirts

2nd Tshirt is in progress.

Programs:

Pride of Madison

Karen Jernigan updated the group that the Hands on Madison volunteers might help with Pride of Madison program.

Tree City USA-No update

New Business/Open Announcements

Allison Wheeler set up our booth at Hays Nature Preserve. It was a successful day.

Carol Umstaedter and the Utility Board gave a lesson in avoiding injury to trees above/below ground ie Fairhope. Ken Creel will set up a tree course.

Huntsville Utility Board is meeting Thursday at 6pm on College Street for those concerned about trimming and removal of tree issues. TVA will provide a guest speaker at our next meeting.

Darla Malueg spoke about the Girl Scout Recycling Project that is currently being done throughout the city.

Meeting adjourned.