

**City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018
City Hall**



Attendees:

Liz Smith, Amber Braman, Karen Lawler, Julie Ray, Mitzi Adams

Absent:

Gerald Clark, Lisa Thomas, Tenesha Thomas, Chris Carpenter, Brandon Daugherty

I. Order of Business

- i. **Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 5:45p.m., all were welcomed by Amber Braman.
- ii. **Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted and the attendance was noted.
- iii. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2018 were could not be approved due to not enough members present to constitute a quorum. Minutes will be held for approval at the next meeting.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Lawler reported that the current balance is \$10,226.93.

II. Old Business

- i. **150/200 Committee Update:** Amber Braman attended the monthly meeting as the board representative. The timeframe for 150/200 activities will be from December 2018-December 2019. The Beautification board is responsible for providing the following
 - 150 trees for planting
 - Naming and providing the Heritage Tree.

Amber reported that the 150/200 Committee approved the idea that the Board would utilize the Arbor Day Tree Planting as the mechanism for providing and planting the Heritage Tree. Preliminary plans are to plant the Heritage Tree at the new public library. In addition, Amber shared that the Committee approved the plan for the Board to provide 150 saplings throughout the year at various events such as the Arbor Day Workshop, the Chamber Expo, etc.

- ii. **Nominating Committee Update and Board Appointments:** Julie Ray stated that she was having difficulty in finding a volunteer to take on the position of Vice-President of the Beautification Board. A discussion followed where the members decided that instead of Vice-President of Tree Board and Vice-President of Beautification Board, instead we

should follow the Bylaws and nominate a First Vice Chairman and a Second Vice Chairman. Julie Ray will return next month with nominees for those positions.

III. New Business

- i. *Tree Report/Replacement Trees & Shrubs:*** Amber reported that Amber, Chris Carpenter, and Liz Smith marked 14 trees for removal in the downtown area. The trees were decayed within the trunk and it was a safety and liability issue for the trees to remain in place. This was a late request from the city in order to have the trees removed prior to the Madison Street festival. The Madison Garden Club had originally planted the 25 year old Dogwood Trees that needed to be removed.

A draft tree report is being developed by the Board in order to meet the yearly report due to the City of Madison. It is being worked by Tenesha Thomas with inputs from Amber Braman and others as available. Tenesha will provide the draft report to the Board for review prior to the November meeting.

- ii. *Poster Contest:*** Nothing to report at the October meeting.
- iii. *Beautification Awards:*** Amber Braman reported on a series of issues in obtaining a clean group of Beautification Award plaques from the vendor. Amber took the time to find an alternate vendor and the Board members present concurred that the examples that were provided from the alternate vendor were superior to what had been previously provided (from the prior vendor) in the past.
- iv. *Chinese Privet Cleanup:*** Mitzi Adams suggested that an activity be coordinated where both Huntsville and Madison would consider to work cooperatively on a project to clear areas in both Madison and Huntsville of invasive Chinese privet. The idea was taken under consideration, pending additional information on how to coordinate such an activity and obtaining approval from the City of Madison.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm