

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 19th, 2019
Conference Room, City Hall



Attendees:

Amber Braman, Chris Carpenter, Julie Ray, Mitzi Adams, Sabrina Savage, Tenesha Thomas, Gerald Clark, Lisa Thomas, Karen Lawler, Liz Smith

Absent:

Brandon Daugherty

I. Order of Business

- i. **Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.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 January 15th, 2019 were approved with changes. Tenesha Thomas motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Amber Braman. Minutes were approved by the majority.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer reported that the balance was same as for January's meeting, \$9,726.70.

II. Old Business

- i. **Poster Contest:** Lisa Thomas reported that there was no winner for the city of Madison from the Anniston competition. Lisa also reported that the 1st place winners in the city of Madison received certificates from Anniston for participating. Lisa stated that everything was ready (certificates, prize envelopes, etc.) for the city council meeting on February 25th. Tenesha Thomas volunteered to take the photos with the Mayor after the presentation to the city council of all contest winners.
- ii. **Tree Planting and Workshop:** Liz Smith reported that there would be 3 trees planted, one at the library and two in the south parking lot of the Municipal Complex. The tree planting would be scheduled for noon on Tuesday, February 26th, at the library with the Mayor. The other two trees would be planted after the library planting. The Introduction to the Arbor Day Workshop was scheduled for 5:30pm the evening of February 26th in the Council Chambers, with the presentation starting at 6:00pm. Karen Lawler is responsible for bringing water and ordering snacks for the break.

III. New Business

- i. *Sign Post Issues:*** Karen Lawler stated that the new beautification award sign posts were too heavy and were not remaining upright once placed in the ground. Karen also pointed out that because they were round in shape, the signs themselves were being blown in various directions by the wind. Karen took an action to work with Public Works to determine the best path forward for stabilizing the sign posts.

- ii. *Collaboration on property Clean-up:*** Mitzi Adams status that there was a potential collaboration opportunity with the neighborhood near Horizon School. The board members decided that this would be a great project to tackle at the end of summer, when the weather cools. That would give Mitzi time to work details with the neighborhood in question to ensure all parties are informed and on-board. Mitzi took an action to work this activity in coordination with the board.

- iii. *Beautification Awards Standards:*** Amber Braman stated updates to the Awards Standards, including updates to how properties would be scored for the 2019 Beautification Award judging. There was much discussion concerning the updates, the primary concern being that personal opinion be removed from the standards to the maximum extent possible. The Board tentatively agreed to the direction that the standards were taking, and agreed that a vote on the final update be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm