

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
Conference Room, City Hall



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

Absent: Tenesha Thomas, Lisa Thomas, Gerald Clark, Sabrina Savage, Chris Carpenter

I. Order of Business

- i. **Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.
- ii. **Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted and the attendance was noted.
- iii. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes approval deferred due to lack of quorum.
- iv. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Lawler reported that the current balance is \$16,871.88

II. New Business

- i. **Pride of Madison Status (Adopt A Mile):** Deferred to next meeting
- ii. **Beautification Sign Installment:** Julie Ray reported that she was delinquent in working this action with Chris Carpenter and Public Works. She reported she would have a progress status at the next meeting.
- iii. **Beautification Awards:** Amber Braman verified with selected Board members that they had completed their actions in distributing the Award paperwork that had not be picked up during the Beautification Awards Luncheon. Amber stated she had a few left over to get to the awardees.
- iv. **Gateway Transplants:** Amber Braman reported that she and Chris Carpenter removed the daylilies, abelia shrubs and muhlie grass from the Madison Gateway in preparation for landscaping work ordered by the City of Madison. Amber stated that the daylilies and abelia shrubs had been divided among several city properties. Amber has temporarily planted the muhlie grass in pots and it will be included in the additional plants that will be provided to enhance the Madison Memory Gardens cemetery.
- v. **Keep Alabama Beautiful Fall Project:** Mitzi Adams reported that the neighborhood where the cleanup activity was tentatively scheduled expressed concerns about security if there was a new bike trail added to that area. The board members present

discussed changing the cleanup activity from a potential new bike path development to instead be a privet removal and cleanup activity. Ideas were also discussed about including a workshop prior to the cleanup date to cover the invasiveness of privet and why it is important to remove it whenever possible. The workshop on invasive privet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. The Board members present also discussed tentative dates of January 11 or 18 for the cleanup activity, to be voted on at a future meeting.

- vi. ***Arbor Day Workshop:*** Liz Smith reported that she had leads on speakers for the Workshop and requested that the Board consider that the Workshop be scheduled for February 25. The Board concurred with the request, and decided to vote on that date at a future meeting. Liz will continue to coordinate with other local tree and horticulture professionals to obtain additional speakers for the Arbor Day Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm