



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

TO: Zetty Bauer
Linda Bender
Marlene Johnt
Matt Lumpkin, Publicity Chairman
David Mayfield
Rodney Powell, Vice Chairman
Brooke Taylor, Recording Secretary
Mark Acreman, Ex officio
Harlan Harrison, Ex officio
Gary Sinak, City Council Liaison

FROM: Mary Wayne Gilmore, Chairman

DATE: April 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021 in the **Council Chambers** at City Hall.

Please call Kathy Brown at 968-1166 if you are unable to attend.

F.Y.I. via email: Mayor Robert Craft
City Administrator Steve Griffin
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garris, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones
Lee Jones
Brandan Franklin
Dan Bond
Jennifer Watkins
Lindsay Hart

AGENDA
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD
April 21, 2021

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Acknowledgement of guests
- IV. Approval of minutes
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Update-Mark Acreman-Tree ordinance #1618
 - B. Update- Mark Acreman-Status of increasing membership of Board up to 12 members
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Arbor Day – Linda Bender, Rodney Powell, David Mayfield
 - B. Arbor Day Poster Contest- Marlene Johnt, Brooke Taylor
 - C. Beautification Awards- Rodney Powell, Brooke Taylor, Matt Lumpkin
 - D. City Seasonal Decorations- Rodney Powell, Matt Lumpkin, Zetty Bauer, Marlene Johnt
 - E. Publicity- Matt Lumpkin, Zetty Bauer
 - F. Tree Ordinance/Steering – Brooke Taylor, Linda Bender
 - G. Administrative/Tree Board Awards- Mary Wayne Gilmore, Zetty Bauer, David Mayfield
 - H. Environmental Projects/GSHS- David Mayfield
 - I. Landscape Work Update -Harlan Harrison
 - J. Engineering – Mark Acreman
 - K. Planning & Zoning Update -Jennifer Watkins
 - L. Council Update- Gary Sinak
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements
 - A. The **Alabama Urban Forestry Education Week** will be **October 11-15** at the Hampton Inn host hotel in Orange Beach. The week includes a Tree Board Academy, Pesticide Re-Certification class, Urban Forestry Certification class and our Annual Conference. The fee is paid by the City of Gulf Shores. Kathy Brown will assist with the application.
 - B. **Resident Town Hall** meeting will be held April 29th at the Civic Center from 6p.m. - 8p.m. This will give residents an opportunity to learn about and provide input on multiple community enhancement projects occurring throughout the City.
- IX. Hearing of Persons Not Listed on Formal Agenda
- X. Meeting Date- September 15,2021
- XI. Motion for Adjournment

Members of the Beautification Board:

The April 21st meeting is to be followed with a session for committees to meet, plan, and make recommendations.

- Any committee report presented should be less than 4 minutes.
- The regular meeting should take approximately 20 minutes.
- After adjourning, the Planning Session meets upstairs in the Public Works Board room.
- Each committee is allocated 20 minutes and asked to produce 2 recommendations.
- This meeting should conclude around 10:30 a.m.
- This is the first time this committee has ever met to make plans. It should be productive!
- Bring coffee, water, or sodas to sustain and invigorate your talents, planning skills, and laughter!

Your support is so greatly appreciated. Together we can make our year more productive.

**City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board
Minutes of the Meeting
March 17, 2021**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mary Wayne Gilmore called the meeting to order.

In Attendance: Linda Bender, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Marlene Johnt, Rodney Powell, Brooke Taylor, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, Gary Sinak, Jennifer Watkins and Kathy Brown.

Rodney Powell moved to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting, Marlene Johnt seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Wayne Gilmore welcomed Dan Bond to the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Update- Tree Ordinance 1618- Mark Acreman reported that Brandan Franklin and Lee Jones are attempting to get the Tree Ordinance back on the Council agenda. He suggested that the Beautification Board send an email to the Mayor and Steve Griffin, copying Brandan Franklin, in support of this ordinance. Mary Wayne Gilmore will draft an email and send to Board members and Mark Acreman for review.

Arbor Day: Rodney Powell reported that Arbor Day 2021 was a huge success. It was estimated that close to 1,000 trees were given away at this event. Mary Wayne Gilmore requested that each Board member send Linda Bender one positive comment about the event, one negative comment and one suggestion. She also suggested that the committee create a file with flyers and information for next year's Arbor Day.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: No report. Mary Wayne Gilmore asked Marlene Johnt to formulate a plan for next year.

Beautification Awards: Rodney Powell suggested that his committee wait a bit before selecting award winning properties.

Seasonal Decorations: Rodney Powell would like to make suggestions to the City for placement of Christmas decorations, particularly at four corners. Mark Acreman suggested that the committee work with Brigitte Reynolds and Special Events to coordinate efforts. He also suggested that an email be sent to Grant Brown requesting that the Beautification Board be included in City's Christmas decoration planning.

Publicity: No report

Tree Ordinance/Steering: No report

Administrative/Tree Board Awards: No report

Environmental/GSHS: No report

Landscape: Harlan Harrison reported that his department is finishing the medians along Ft. Morgan Road. He also added that the spring annuals will be planted in a few weeks. He mentioned that Beau Brodbeck with Alabama Cooperative Extension Service hosts a weekly webinar on a variety of topics that might be of interest to the Board.

Engineering: Mark Acreman reported that the Free Standing Emergency Department is scheduled to open May 1. Phase 1B of this project will be awarded March 22 at the Council meeting. This will connect the Free Standing Emergency Department to Cotton Creek Drive.

Planning & Zoning: No report

Council Update: Gary Sinak mentioned that the City Council will hold its first public involvement meeting April 20. The purpose of this meeting is to inform citizens and to seek input.

New Business:

Mary Wayne Gilmore announced that Alabama Urban Forestry will hold its conference at the Hampton Inn in Orange Beach October 11-15 if any Board members are interested in attending. Topics will include a Tree Board meeting, Pesticide Recertification class and an Urban Forestry Certification class.

The next meeting of the Beautification Board is scheduled for September 15 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business, Linda Bender made a motion to adjourn with Rodney Powell seconding the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown