



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

## BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

TO: Mary Wayne Gilmore, Publicity/Media Chairman  
Margaret Griffin  
Marlene Johnt  
Matt Lumpkin  
David Mayfield  
Rodney Powell, Vice Chairman  
Brooke Taylor, Recording Secretary  
Mark Acreman, Ex officio  
Harlan Harrison, Ex officio  
Gary Sinak, City Council Liaison

FROM: Linda Bender, Chairman

DATE: September 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Social distancing will be practiced. Masks are required and will be provided.

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  
Jennifer Watkins  
Lindsay Hart

# AGENDA

## BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

September 9, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2020 meeting
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Arbor Day – Margaret & Rodney
  - B. Arbor Day Poster Contest- Marlene & Brooke
  - C. Beautification Awards- Rodney, Brooke & Mary Wayne
  - D. Media & Website- Mary Wayne & Matt
  - E. New Projects- Matt & David
  - F. Administrative- Margaret & Brooke
  - G. Tree Ordinance/Steering
  - H. Christmas Decorations- Rodney
  - I. Landscape Work Update -Harlan
  - J. Engineering - Mark
  - K. Planning & Zoning Update -Jennifer Watkins
  - L. Council Update- Gary Sinak
- V. Old Business
  - A. Tree Ordinance # 1618 Update
- VI. New Business
  - A. Announcements
    1. Reappointment of Marlene Johnt
    2. Alabama Urban Forestry Conference- October 19-23, Pelham, AL
  - B. Appointment of Nominations Committee (3 members)

The by-laws state that terms of service shall be for 2 years, with first such term to be January 1, 2019. Nominations for new officers shall be made every second year, at the end of the October meeting. Elections shall be held at the regular November meeting following nominations in October. Newly elected officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following each election.
- VII. Hearing of Persons Not Listed on Formal Agenda
- VIII. Meeting Date and Time- October 14, 2020
- IX. Meeting Adjourn

**City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**June 10, 2020**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Linda Bender called the meeting to order.

**In Attendance:** Linda Bender, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Marlene Johnt, Margaret Griffin, Rodney Powell, Brooke Taylor, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, Jennifer Watkins, Kathy Brown. Linda welcomed Lee Jones, Director of Planning and Brandan Franklin, Chief Building Official.

The minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting were approved. Mary Wayne moved to accept; Rodney seconded.

**Arbor Day-** No report

**Arbor Day Poster Contest-** No report

**Beautification Awards-** No report

**Media & Website-** Mary Wayne reported that is she is still working with Lindsay Hart in an attempt to attempt to get the website updated.

**New Projects-** Rodney proposed that the Board consider asking the City to add planters to the ICW Bridge. Mark stated that permits would have to be obtained from the State and did not expect those to be granted. He did suggest the possibility of obtaining new lighting for the Bridge that might allow hanging baskets or banners. Rodney also mentioned that the Board would like to add some Christmas decorations at the four corners. Mark will meet with Brigitte Reynolds to discuss adding a line item for that location in her 2021 budget.

**Administrative-** No report

**Tree Ordinance/Steering-** Linda introduced Brandan Franklin, Chief Building Official, who presented the proposed amendments to the City Tree Ordinance #1618, Article VII. The amendments include adding single family and duplex lots of any size for tree protection. A definition of heritage trees has been established which states that a healthy tree with a root system diameter and breast height equal to or greater than 30" will be protected. Exemptions (pruning, tree removal, etc.) for single family lots in Section 7-153 of the current Ordinance have been removed. A tree survey will be required on single family/duplex lots. The penalty section of the Ordinance has been strengthened. Brandan requested that the Beautification Board send a letter of support to the Mayor and Council.

Lee Jones made comments concerning larger subdivisions and the Tree Protection Ordinance. He stated that preliminary plats have a standard note that will not allow clear cutting on lots except in rights of way, however, drainage and grading allows clearing for detention ponds which often allows the developer to clear cut large spaces. He suggested that subdivision

regulations need to be updated to tie to Tree Ordinance. Mark commented that in some areas rain gardens are being used in individual yards in lieu of a detention pond. He also mentioned that putting a larger area between sidewalks and the back of the curb are being used to allow for street trees.

Lee also proposed that the Tree Protection Ordinance remain in the Code of Ordinances to allow it to be enforced in the Police Jurisdiction. It can be cross referenced to the Landscape portion of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Landscape Update-** Harlan reported that maintenance is continuing and annuals are being prepared for planting.

**Engineering-** Mark reported that Coastal Exposures Landscaping Company received the bid for planting trees on Coastal Gateway Boulevard. Fifty four 6" caliper oak trees over 20' in height will be planted along the medians.

Mark also reported that W. Lagoon Avenue multi-use trail was at 60% completion. A boardwalk will be added to connect to trail.

In the beach walking district, plans are being made for on street parking, landscaping and 16' sidewalks.

**Planning & Zoning-** Planning and Zoning offices are now fully staffed and open for business

**Council Update-** Gary reported that the Council voted to cancel the Fourth of July fireworks show due to Covid safety concerns.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** Mary Wayne made a motion to send a letter of endorsement to the Mayor and Council for the proposed amendments to the City's Tree Protection Ordinance #1618, Article VIII. Margaret seconded the motion and members unanimously approved.

The next Beautification Board meeting will be held July 8 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business, Margaret made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Wayne.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown