

Minutes
Beautification Board
August 1, 2008

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Bill Mayer convened a regular meeting of the Beautification Board on Friday, August 1, 2008, at 9:10 a.m., in Council Chamber. Those present were Chairman Bill Mayer, Scotty Culp, Judith Kraemer, Jane Mandeville, Public Works Representative Phil Cline, Council Liaison Dominick Montanaro and Recording Secretary Leonor Olexa. Ann Lombardo and Chuck Meacham were unable to attend the meeting. Deborah Anders sent a letter of resignation to the Beautification Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2008

Chairman Bill Mayer asked for review of the minutes.

ACTION: Judith Kraemer MOVED, SECOND Scotty Culp to approve the July 11, 2008, minutes as submitted. **VOTE:** ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PHIL CLINE, PUBLIC WORKS REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Cline reported that Public Works is maintaining all areas of the City. The Hightower Beach Park landscape plan is still awaiting state-approved permits.

The Gemini Park landscape plan has been revised and sent to the state for approval. Jane Mandeville raised concern about not having parking at the Gemini Park. Councilman Montanaro stated there have been reports of people parking at the condominium to the south of the park. Councilman Montanaro emphasized that although there is no parking at the Gemini property, citizens can park on streets that are near the park and walk. Once the park is built and improvements are made with native plants, it will beautify the area and provide a place for families to enjoy.

Scotty Culp expressed her appreciation for how nice the grounds are looking around the City. Ms. Kraemer stated she had visitors from Missouri comment on how neat and manicured the City looks. Ms. Mandeville inquired about the fountain at City Hall not working. Chairman Mayer stated that aerating the water would help the water quality. Mr. Cline stated he would check to see what Public Works could do about the fountain and report back to the Board.

● **PELICAN BEACH PARK/DESOTO PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX**

Public Works is maintaining the parks and there is nothing new to report.

LANDSCAPE AWARD – NONE THIS MONTH

There were no nominations this month. Scotty Culp asked the Board to give a “Spruced Up Award” to the VFW. By consensus, the Board approved giving VFW located at 1252 Highway A1A the “Spruced Up Award.”

Scotty was happy to report that Maggie Reagan owner of 145 Park Avenue expressed her appreciation for receiving the Landscape Award. The Board liked the variety of plants, which made the property stand out from other properties in the area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Solvent.

LICENSE PLATES

Ms. Mandeville collected the license plate money from Curves and asked for more license plates. Scotty Culp reported the following license plates were sold: three from Curves and two from Ace Hardware for a total of \$25.00 collected this month.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Based on recommendations at the last Board meeting, City Clerk Barbara Montanaro presented updates to the following sections of the Bylaws for consideration:

- Section II Offices and Duties – strike out “elected” position for the Secretary and add “City Hall staff member.”
- Section IV Attendance – Removal From Board – strike out “Anyone who misses more than three regular meetings in a year, their name will be brought to Council.” Add “a recommendation for removal of any member who has more than three unexcused absences in a twelve-month period will be forwarded to Council.”
- Section VII Council Procedures for Addressing the Council – strike out this section completely.

The Board did not have any comments.

ACTION: Judith Kraemer MOVED, SECOND Jane Mandeville to approve the proposed changes to the Beautification Board Bylaws as submitted by City Clerk Montanaro. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the following issues on the December 2008 Holiday Lighting Contest:

- The Holiday Lighting Contest information will need to be submitted for the October/November Beachcaster in order to give residents time to call in their nominations.
- Questions were raised on street sign visibility and if Public Works would be replacing hard-to-read signs before the Holiday Lighting Contest. Councilman Montanaro stated that Public Works has a budgeted amount each year for sign maintenance. With tax cuts street sign replacement may not be the highest priority on Public Works list of projects that need to be completed this year.
- The Board will continue discussion on the Holiday Lighting Contest at the next meeting and will finalize the article for the Beachcaster.
- Scotty will bring the list of past winners to the September meeting.
- City maps will need to be distributed to the Board before the selection process.

Chairman Bill Mayer stated the next meeting would be September 5, 2008; meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Leonor Olexa
Recording Secretary