



The City Beautiful Commission held its regular meeting Thursday, February 05, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sister Cities Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall. Chair Homeyer called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Wiedower Steve Homeyer
Jennie Cole Debra Redding
Kay Tatum

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Jackson
Lee Ann Overall
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ALSO PRESENT: Tony Bozynski, Director, Department of Planning & Development, City of Little Rock
Dana Carney, Zoning and Subdivision Manager, Department of Planning & Development, City of Little Rock
Christy Marvel, Plans Development Administrator, Department of Planning & Development, City of Little Rock
Beth Blevins Carpenter, Deputy City Attorney, City of Little Rock
Lynn Warren, Citizen and prior CBC Chair
Walter Jennings, Citizen and prior City Beautiful Commissioner
Marvin Rathbun, Director of Operation, Sonic Americas Drive-In
Scott Slifka, Supervisor, Sonic Americas Drive-In
Larry Jordan, Owner of Fabulous Finds Antique Store

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES:

Motion: Vice-Chair Wiedower made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes noted.

Second: Commissioner Tatum seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C.B.C. LANDSCAPE VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING CASE NO. 614:

Due to the low number of City Beautiful Commissioners, the applicant requested the hearing be deferred.

Motion: Vice Chair Wiedower made a motion to accept the applicants deferral request.

Second: Commissioner Cole seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Per Debra Redding, Treasurer:

Little Rock City Beautiful Commission
Treasurer's Report
02-05-09

Beginning Balance as of December 23 rd , 2008		<u>\$2,191.10</u>
Credits		
	<u>Interest on Account</u>	.00
	Total credits	\$ 0.00
Debits	none	<u>\$2,191.10</u>
Ending Bank Balance as of February 5 th , 2009		\$2,191.10

Chair Homeyer noted that he'd purchased the gift certificate for the retreat facilitator from his personal account and needs to be reimbursed for the amount of \$75.00, out of the CBC non-city funds.

LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE PROPOSED CHANGES:

City staff continues to collect data, work within the planning department staff and with city hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

Landscape Awards(Ben)- Commissioner Cole recommended Commissioners always be on the lookout for potential landscape awards. Mrs. Lynn Warren recommended the use of the LR Garden Club 2009 Landscape Award poster for display in the garden show this year.

Eye of the Beholder (Kay) - Commissioner Redding forwarded the letter to Commissioner Tatum and has also given her the supplies.

Future Projects

City Hall Rear Entry Garden – Chair Homeyer noted the trees are planted; ribbon cutting will commence in the Spring. Mrs. Lynn Warren will contact the schedulers for the officers of the Mayor, City Manager, B.J. Wyrick, and Scott Carter, City PR representative to find a date in April or May.

I-630 Trees-no report.

PR-Website- Mrs. Lynn Warren noted she'd uploaded the following to the CBC website: all the current meeting meetings agendas and draft minutes (all reformatted for the current year), 2009 retreat agenda, the upcoming variance, the buffer letter written to the AR Highway Department and added a copy of the current proposed landscape ordinance that is continually being reviewed and adjusted on the front page as requested. Mrs. Warren is working with Ms. Marvel on getting

all the final copies of the minutes for the years of 2007 & 2008 and after merging them into one document for each year; they will be posted on the meeting page, similar to the yearly minutes from 2006. Retreat minutes are pending.

Commissioner Tatum visited the Butler Center, Little Rock Library for archives of the CBC. The first dated document reflects January 1948; therefore, the CBC is at least that old. Commissioner Tatum was able to find valuable information ranging from photos of prior winners of CBC beauty pageants. It appeared the pageant died out around 1966 to 1967; however a 5 year old pageant commenced in the years 1965 and 1966. Commissioner Tatum believes the 5 year old pageant maybe something the CBC would want to consider doing and include the winner in the Christmas Parade annually by riding with the Mayor. Perhaps, this pageant could be tied into the earth day event. Purchased and copied three (3) photos for a total of \$30.00 (scans) and \$9.00 (photos 8 X 10). Commissioner Tatum will have the photos ready to display at both the 2008 Flower and Garden Show and for the future Library exhibit. Commissioner will email all of the details of the information found to all Commissioners.

KLRB- Mr. Walter Jennings relayed how the KLRB is primarily working on two issues: Defining the objectives/job duties of the recently hired city staff individual and ways in which to increase recycling and decrease litter. Otherwise, the KLRB is awaiting the finalization of a contract agreement between the city and state that can be used for a third parties adoption.

Adopt-A-Street- A map for the Adopt-A-Street is still needed. Ms. Marvel has a copy of one that is outdated, 2002 but can be obtained and used if something else cannot be generated prior to the Garden Show.

Garden Show 2009-Chair Homeyer contacted all six (6) of the local nurseries and all but one, Horticare Inc., agreed to participate and honor the coupon that was printed in 2008. Also at the table, a fact finding sheets and adopt-a-street brochures. Mrs. Warren contacted several people for donations: P. Allen Smith's office for the donation of six (6) signed book, "Living in the Garden Home", same book as the previous year. The Secretary of State's office will donate 500 copies of their grounds booklet which includes information on the trees and gardens on the Capitol grounds (including the rose gardens), Keep Arkansas Beautiful can provide the 1-800 phone number tags for calling in litterers. The City Director, Stacy Hurst, donated a rose flower arrangement from Tipton Hurst, similar to last year. Action plan sheets were distributed for manning the booth to provide two (2) people per time slot. It was decided that there should be three (3) drawings per day. The hours for the drawings are at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. It was noted a large number of people gather for the drawing(s) and it's a great time to bullet point some of the ongoing projects the CBC is working on. Mr. Walter Jennings agreed to compose a bullet point sheet for the show. Tipton-Hurst agreed to donate a flower arrangement and Commissioner Cole agreed to obtain the arrangement since she was the first to serve in the garden booth and to bring something that the drawing names can be put within.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lynn Warren noted that she intended to get a fact sheet on "Complete the Streets" as a part of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) legislative efforts. It promotes any

renovation and construction on roadways to “complete the street” to accommodate all forms of transportation, such as cars, bicyclists, pedestrians, ADA issues, etc. If the Commission is interested in this concept, CBC, per its duty, could hand out this fact sheet to the Board of Directors for consideration. The website is <http://www.completestreets.org> / Mrs. Warren will email the fact sheet for the CBC to review and bring it to the next meeting for discussion and consider pursuing as a recommendation to the Board.

The CBC logo shirts are in for both Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Overall.

Motion: Vice-Chair Wiedower made a motion to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Tatum seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 12:53 p.m.