



The City Beautiful Commission held its regular meeting Thursday, April 2nd 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Robinson Auditorium, Room 102. Chair Homeyer called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Wiedower Steve Homeyer
 Jennie Cole Debra Redding
 Kay Tatum Lynn Warren
 Walter Jennings Ben Jackson
 Lee Ann Overall Betsy Lutten

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: 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

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MINUTES:

Motion: Vice-Chair Wiedower made a motion to accept the minutes with changes as noted.
Second: Commissioner Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Introduction of new CBC members:

TREASURER’S REPORT: Per Debra Redding, Treasurer:

Little Rock City Beautiful Commission
 Treasurer’s Report
 04-02-2009

Beginning Balance as of February 21, 2009 **\$2,005.20**

Credits

Interest on Account	.00	
Total credits	\$ 0.00	<u>\$2,191.10</u>

Debits

Ck # 1156 Steve Homeyer-facilitator gift	\$ 75.00
Total debits	\$ 75.00

Ending Bank Balance as of March 23, 2009 **\$1,930.20**

LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE PROPOSED CHANGES:

City staff continues to collect data, work within the planning department staff and with city hall and requests the CBC table the discussion for a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

Landscape Awards(Ben)- no report.

Eye of the Beholder (Kay) - Commissioner Tatum is ready to go and will print on paper sized cardstock because more are needed printed out. Commissioner Warren will send the word document to Commissioner Tatum. Commissioners Jackson, Overall, and Lutten are in need of signs and cards. Commissioner Tatum explained the process to the new members. Commissioner Jennings noted that he'd turned a card in last week and Chair Homeyer noted that he had sign for anyone that is in need of one.

Future Projects

City Hall Rear Entry Garden –Commissioner Warren has been working with Dr. Dean Kumpuris regarding the upcoming ribbon cutting. Dr. Kumpuris prefers an optimal date/time be sent and then he can simply confirm. Plaque options were reviewed. Commissioner Warren visited Discount Trophies and relayed the following findings: and 8 ½ X 11 plaque would be \$224.00 plus \$0.42 cents per letter. The screws can be hidden to keep the signage from being vandalized as easily. Options were discussed. It was decided that optimally the plaque should read:

City Beautiful Commission
Dedication 2009
In Honor of: Nash Abrams

Vice-chair Wiedower noted that he'd like to see the final design prior to the production and maybe able to have it produced cheaper. Commissioner Warren noted that she'd speak with Chris Keeling regarding his wishes for acknowledgment. A separate plaque to be located within City Hall was discussed. This plaque could name all of the participating entities. However, approval from the City Manager would be needed prior to its erection.

I-630 Trees-no report.

Enforcement of Interstate trees along Playtime Pizza-

City staff updated the Commission on the violation of tree clearing along Interstate 430; next to Playtime Pizza. Staff noted Planning has issued a courtesy notice to the site in question giving the violator 7 days within which to respond. The Arkansas State Highway Department has also issued various notices for resolution.

Vice-chair Wiedower noted that this site is one of the issues that were discussed within the revisions to the landscape ordinance proposed changes. This topic should be of great importance to the CBC and we should keep an eye on the happenings and be prepared for this fight as a Commission should it become an issue.

Commissioner Jennings noted perhaps drafting another letter to the various bodies that make decisions about remediation and enforcement is in order. It was noted that Commissioners can certainly voice their concerns as individuals. However, the CBC would need a motion and passage for the Commission to publicly oppose this site.

Motion: Vice-chair Wiedower made a motion to re-send another letter to the Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, the AR Highway Department, and the City Planning & Development Department in opposition to such destruction.

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

PR-Website- Commissioner Warren noted she had updated the site with the variance information, the Miss CBC Photo in hopes that people will recognize and identify the participants in the photos. It was noted the exhibit will likely be at Fletcher for approximately 3 months prior to being moved to another location.

Commissioner Tatum noted the library exhibit should probably be moved around about once every 3 months.

KLRB- Commissioner Jennings noted that coming up was the McArthur Park Clean up day and Earth Day. They're will be a variety of events to participate in. The median projects continue to be put on hold; however, optimally expecting to move forward soon. The KLRB has decided to ask each member to volunteer \$150.00 in hopes of generating some revenue for basic overhead needs. Commissioner Jennings offered to pay his fee, out-of-pocket. However, noted that it maybe an issue for the next CBC sitting in that position. Commissioner Warren noted that part of their by-laws included one CBC sit on the board; therefore, perhaps that fee should be waived. Commissioner Warren may inquire about being exempt next year.

Adopt-A-Street- Commissioner Jennings and Vice-chair Wiedower walked the adopt-a-street section last time. Vice-chair Weidower noted that he get with previous chair member, Jessica Watts, about retrieving the extra pick-up litter equipment.

Garden Show 2009-Commissioner Redding emailed out the statistics from the 2009 Garden Show. There were over twelve and one-half thousand people in attendance at the show this year. Commissioner Warren noted that she'd written letters to P. Allen Smith and the Tipton-Hurst; thanking them for their kind donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

New shirts were needed and discussed.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to order 2 more CBC logo shirts one medium and one extra large.

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

Deputy City Attorney, Beth Carpenter, noted she'd sent out revised by-laws for the CBC's review. Per the by-laws, thirty days are required for review of the proposed changes and thus voting can commence at the CBC May meeting.

Suggestions were made and noted by Ms. Carpenter. Ms. Carpenter will amend and re-send with the minor changes.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn.

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

Adjournment: 12:50 p.m.