



The City Beautiful Commission held its regular meeting Thursday, May 7th 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Robinson Auditorium, Room 102. Chair Homeyer called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Homeyer
Debra Redding
Lynn Warren
Betsy Luten
Jennie Cole
Kay Tatum
Lee Ann Overall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Walter Jennings
Ben Jackson
Bill Wiedower

ALSO PRESENT: 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 APRIL MINUTES:

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to accept the minutes with suggested changes as noted.

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
05-07-2009

Beginning Balance as of March 24th, 2009		<u>\$1,930.20</u>
Credits		
	<u>Interest on Account</u>	.00
	Total credits	\$ 0.00
		<u>\$1,930.20</u>
Debits		
	Total debits	\$ 0
Ending Bank Balance as of April 22nd, 2009		<u>\$1,930.20</u>

Oxford Printing-

Two (2) new shirts were recently received and Oxford wants payment upfront from the CBC due to the lengthy delay(s) in payment. Commissioner Redding noted she'd simply give Chair Homeyer a check for payment to take with him as he orders.

Also, noted on the financial record was Chair Homeyer had yet to be reimbursed by the City Planning Department. Commissioner Redding noted that she'd contact Venita Young, in the Planning Department for an inquiry. Chair Homeyer noted that he'd like to donate the monies to be reimbursed; it can be used to help with payment of the plaque for the feature behind city hall.

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. Commissioner Cole noted she'd met with Mr. Scott Carter and the Landscape Awards, Call for Nominations, was presented in the newspaper, Arkansas Section, Thursday, May the 7th. It was also noted that it had been published on the Downtown Neighborhood Website.

Eye of the Beholder (Kay) - Commissioner Tatum noted that two (2) Eye Awards were being sent out. One nomination from Commissioner Warren, another from Commissioner Jennings. Chair Homeyer noted he had Eye Award Signs should any be needed by Commissioners.

Future Projects

City Hall Rear Entry Garden –Commissioner Warren had the following information for plaque options:

8 ½ X 11 = \$246.00

5 X 7 = \$137.00

7 X 10 = \$209.00

9 X 12 = \$287.00

price includes everything but the mounting of the plaque onto the rock and tax.

Options were discussed regarding size and materials. It was also noted that it would be nice to have the plaque donated for this project too. Commissioner Warren noted that approval had been granted for the plaque by the City Managers Office. Verbiage discussed then revised.

Motion: Commissioner Tatum made a motion to fund the plaque at the 9" X 12" size and to proceed with the order.

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

Chair Homeyer noted for the ribbon cutting, the plaque should already be mounted on the rock at presentation. Commissioner Warren then noted she'd get with Dr. Kumpuris about a September ribbon cutting date. Commissioner Warren also noted that she'd get with the City Managers Office on having the plaque mounted to the rock.

I-630 Trees-no report. However, staff was ask to update on a few outstanding enforcement sites; the Value Place Hotel and Playtime Pizza. It was noted that staff has taken written corrective action towards both entities and at this time both parties are working with staff to resolve the issues outstanding.

Chair Homeyer noted that he continues to draft a letter in response to these actions.

PR-Website- Commissioner Warren noted she had updated the site with the variance information, given by Commissioner Tatum.

The library exhibit should be up and running soon. Commissioner Tatum was instructed to call Fletcher Library in June for plans of placement in July of data. Commissioner Tatum will continue working with Commissioner Warren on statuaries and items for placement on display at the local libraries.

KLRB- (no report).

Adopt-A-Street- Chair Homeyer spoke with Vice-chair Wiedower and has the pick up items so unless it rains, pick up as scheduled.

Garden Show 2009-Commissioner Redding noted that at last months meeting Commissioner Jennings had inquired about the possibility of pre-selecting the booth at the Garden Show. Commissioner Redding checked into this option and found that the only pre-selection can be done in conjunction with individuals that are actually selling a product or service at the convention.

Information/Communication-It was discussed that maybe information can be advertised regarding the Eye of the Beholder Awards, the upcoming dedication information, and perhaps the Landscape Awards in October. Otherwise, Commissioners be thinking of other areas/ideas of things the CBC can be advertising and just let Commissioner Cole know. Commissioner Tatum noted she'd already attempted Paper Trails and they didn't seem interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

By Law Adoption

Ms. Carpenter sent out a redlined copy of the revisions to the by-laws to all of the CBC members and city support staff.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to accept the bylaws with the changes noted by Beth Carpenter, Deputy City Attorney.

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

Deputy City Attorney, Beth Carpenter, noted she'd resend to Chair Homeyer for signage and a colored, signed copy can be sent to Commissioner Warren for updating of the webpage.

Commissioner Warren inquired about the rose bush vouchers used in the Garden Show the past two years. Chair Homeyer noted that indeed the voucher will be used next year.

An inquiry of the recent newspaper article regarding the landfill service company, BFI, was discussed. Deputy City Attorney, Beth Carpenter updated the CBC on the recent on goings of this site.

Motion: Commissioner Warren made a motion to adjourn.

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

Adjournment: 12:29 p.m.