

# ***Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee***

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The Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee met on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room at the J. Reuben Daniel City Hall and Police Station. *(The date and place was changed due to holiday and City Council Special Meeting).*

**Present:**     **Ruthie Gregory, Chairman**                     **Steve Holliday**  
                  **Annette Stallings**                                 **Dr. Chris Lehman**  
                  **Sarah Carpenter**                                   **Danny Acree, Staff Liaison**  
                  **Dr. Ervin Griffin**

**Absent:**     **Joyce Tillery, Vice Chairman**  
                  **Susan Walker, Secretary**  
                  **Wesley Pepper**  
                  **Ernest Bobbitt, Council Liaison**  
                  **Doug Love, Staff Assistant**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregory. She appointed Sarah Carpenter to take the minutes in the absence of Secretary, Susan Walker.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Committee was given \$1,500.00 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **North Entrance**

Ernest Bobbitt was not available with a report due to the Special City Council meeting. Danny Acree stated that the solar lighting that was obtained for the sign is not adequate, per Public Works Director, Larry Chalker. He will continue to give us an update and recommendation.

### **Main Street**

There was discussion regarding their meeting that was open to the public, asking for input. Chairman Gregory thinks the Beautification Committee should be more informed. It was suggested that perhaps we could get minutes of their meetings.

### **Centennial Park**

Chairman Gregory stated we were not notified of the selection that was planted. Discussed and clarified a “dwarf” tree, shrub and plant.

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### **Bench Plaque**

Sarah Carpenter gave an update on the plaque. We would not be able to correct the current plaque so a new one would have to be ordered. She was able to get us a 10% discount, minus shipping and handling \$15.84 for a total of \$90.40. The new plaque would read, Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee 2016 per Janis @ Barco Products, 800-338-2697. Original order # BP00040922 placed on May 24, 2016.

Everyone agreed to purchase a new plaque. Chairman Gregory will place the order.

### **Mayor's Beautification Award**

The award for Residential went to Bernice Burnette, 518 Franklin Street. She didn't think her yard deserved the award and declined.

The award for Commercial went to Massey Funeral Home. Picture and article sent to the Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald.

There was discussion regarding how we select recipients. Public awareness seems low? The next committee members to make selections are Joyce Tillery, Susan Walker, and Annette Stallings. Recipients will be selected from map "Section C" for April, May, and June.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sarah Carpenter wants us to try and be more hands on and focused on the aesthetics of Roanoke Rapids. She also wanted to give a special recognition to Doug Love for the promptness in correcting the spelling of two street signs in the area.

Chairman Gregory thinks having articles in the newspaper is a good idea.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be March 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion was made by Dr. Ervin Griffin, Sr., seconded by Sarah Carpenter and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,***

**Sarah Carpenter, Pro Tem for Secretary Susan Walker**