

# *Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee*

The Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee met on October 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

## **Present:**

Chris Lehman, Chairman  
Kathy White  
Ruthie Gregory  
Joyce Tillery  
Sarah Carpenter  
Steve Holliday  
Brie Butler  
Annette Stallings  
Sandra Bryant  
\*Danny Ackery  
\*Earnest Bobbitt  
\*Doug Love

\*City liaison

The meeting was called to order.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were approved without additions or corrections.

## **Introduction of Members**

Mr. Lehman invited all members of the committee to introduce themselves and state their purpose in serving.

## **Project/Plans for 2017/2018**

Mr. Lehman presented procedures or policies to consider to further our work. Consideration of grants. Think of our funding in a different manner. Consider our purpose first and finance later.

Before the next meeting: **What are the things you want to change?**

Individuals should come back with our own ideas. These may be long-term/ongoing projects.

Kathy White- What is the history of beautification committee?

Conversation concerning litter. What can we do to clean up? Are there other committees we could collaborate with to have a large scale clean up effort? Are there citations for littering? Mr. Bobbitt will check on a "city ticket."

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What can be enforced?

Are there state maintenance funds available to help with a clean up project?

Sandra Bryant- PR- let the community know that this group exists. Maybe the media to help get our ideas. Publicity

“Let’s Clean-Up Roanoke Rapids Day.” --- One day that everyone in the community collaborates to clean up.

Brie Butler – volunteered to check into any grants or organization that will support a community clean up day.

Conversation of lights on the Roanoke Rapids sign. Needs to be revisited/repositioned.

Conversation about the Mayor’s Award. Consider a change in adding a Christmas theme. Focus on the historic business district.

Coordinate with the Main Street group.

Main street committee meets tomorrow. Consider talking to them at tomorrow’s meeting- or at least speak to Christina to organize our efforts to sponsor a Christmas holiday decoration contest (name) ?

Projects- this discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The committee is responsible for decorating the park gazebo tree. That takes the place of the December meeting.

**Next meeting:**

November 20, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brie Butler  
Secretary