

Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee

The Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee met on January 22, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present:

Dr. Chris Lehman
Ruthie Gregory
Joyce Tillery
Annette Stallings
Steve Holliday
Sarah Carpenter
Sandra W. Bryant
Kathy White
Grey Parnell
Doug Love
Earnest Bobbitt
Brie Butler

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting were amended and approved with the appropriate additions or corrections. Kathy White's attendance was noted and the spelling of Grey Parnell was amended.

CENTENNIAL PARK CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The city of Roanoke Rapids expressed their gratitude for the Christmas decorations in the park. The evidence of hard work and collaboration were recognized. The team agreed it was a joyous day and we were proud of the service provided for the city.

BEAUTIFICATION MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

Chairman, Dr. Lehman suggested that the team should take some time before the February meeting to review the draft proposal. We should be prepared to discuss and formulate a finalized version of our Mission and Goals during our February meeting. Additional input, appreciation for the emphasis on clean up.

PROJECTS AND PLANS FOR 2018

An idea was presented to consider sprucing up the grounds around the Lloyd Andrews Building. Many bushes were killed during the freeze and many azaleas look dead.

Involving the community and schools was discussed. The team will take action during the interim to be in touch with the Director of ACES School for student

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collaboration. Additionally the team will look into plant donation. Finally the team will be in touch with support for landscape planning or the team will complete this themselves.

The question was raised: Is the Recreation Department responsible for the landscaping of the building? Would this be included in there future plans? Action- a Beautification team member will be in touch with John Simeon.

Press will be contacted for this collaboration event. Tentative date range is late March or early April.

Additional ideas included participation and organization of a community Earth Day event. Considered collaboration with the city. Weekend of April 22.

Also National Public Lands Day – September 22, 2018. Consideration.

It was determined that it would be best to tackle a smaller sized event before pursuing a larger scale event. Conversations will continue in February.

OLD BUSINESS

The question was raised whether we had previously discussed the citation and follow up on neglected businesses or homes. After consulting committee members and minutes it was determined this conversation was continued. Additionally the question concerning trashcan availability on the avenue was discussed.

Links to possible resources:

<http://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/Global-Day-of-Conversation-Toolkit-Revision.pdf>

<http://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/Earth-Day-Action-Toolkit-2017.pdf>

<https://www.neefusa.org/resource/national-public-lands-day-faq>

NEXT MEETING

February 19, 2018 at 5:30 at the Lloyd Andrew's Building

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brie Butler
Secretary