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**CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
1350 BALDWIN AVENUE, CITY HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024
5:00 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. September 12, 2024
 - B. September 12, 2024 - Dog Park Task Force Workshop
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Suggestions For Native Plants
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. City Manager Koby Townsend
 1. Dog Park Recommendation
 2. Downtown Curb Jet-Out Rehab
 3. Hwy 90 Wall Mural/Graphic
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

Florida Statute 286.0105. Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that a record is required to appeal. Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of the meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The requirements of this section do not apply to the notice provided in s. 200.065(3). In accordance with Section 286.26, F.S., persons with disabilities may contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@defuniaksprings.net or 850-892-8500 ext. 1103.

**DeFuniak Springs
City Beautification and Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
September 12, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Chair Kim Wennerberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Present: Kim Wennerberg, Evan Anderson, Tony Brunson.

Absent: Mike Goodchild, Sommer Adams.

Also, present was Koby Townsend City Manager, Sumie Gabbard Executive Assistant.

2. Approval of Minutes June 6, 2024

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2024 by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Brunson; the motion passed without objection.

3. Suggestions For Native Plants

Mr. Anderson presented the list of native plants, highlighting several key options. He mentioned adding Beauty Berry, which offers good shade and is versatile in placement. The Cast Iron plant is suitable for shady areas, while the Coontie Palm brings a tropical aesthetic.

Mrs. Wennerberg inquired about the types of grasses included, emphasizing the need for selections that thrive in both shade and sun. She expressed a desire for more ornamental options.

In response, Mr. Brunson suggested using fountain grass around the base of trees, stressing the importance of ensuring that the landscaping appears natural. Mrs. Wennerberg reiterated her goal for continuity in the design.

Mrs. Wennerberg proposed revisiting the plant selections at the next meeting, considering that two board members are currently unavailable.

4. Citizen comments

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Approved:

Kim Wennerberg, Chair

ATTEST:

Minutes taken by Rafael Ali, City Clerk
Proper notice having been duly given

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2. Dog Park Workshop

Mrs. Wennerberg asked Mr. Townsend for his recommendations to present to the City Council. Mr. Townsend suggested making a motion to recommend that the council direct staff develop concepts for a dog park, identifying two potential properties for consideration.

He explained that if this motion is approved, staff will need to determine the design costs, which will then require further approval to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This step will allow them to begin seeking funding for the project.

Mr. Townsend emphasized that each budget cycle will involve efforts to secure funding for the dog park. He noted that once an item is included in the CIP, they are authorized to pursue funding opportunities.

Mr. Townsend further explained that once the dog park concept receives approval, they can start assessing the design costs.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Approved:

Kim Wennerberg, Chair

ATTEST:

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Suggestions For Native Plants List

1. Sunshine Ligustrum – A small shrub, relatively low maintenance. Bright foliage.
2. Drift or Knockout Rose – Small to medium bush, has thorns, relatively low maintenance once established. Colorful flowers, usually year 'round.
3. Beautyberry – Native, but less formal small to medium bush. Likes a little shade, may need trimming once in a while. Bright purple berries in winter.
4. Cast iron plant – Tough as nails, but prefers shade. Often planted at the base of shade trees.
5. Lantana – Spreading plant, bright flowers. Don't plant the invasive varieties.
6. Liriope / Aztec grass – Low to medium grasslike clumps, some varieties make purple flowers.
7. Coontie palm – Low to medium tropical looking groundcover/shrub.
8. Muhlygrass, fakahatchee grass, purple lovegrass – Ornamental grasses.
9. Blanket flower / gaillardia, beach sunflower, black eyed susan– Bright flowers, reseed themselves easily. Less formal in appearance.