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**CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Corner of Baldwin Ave. &, S 10th St, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
9:00 AM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. February 6, 2025
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Arbor Day Plaque
- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

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**DeFuniak Springs
City Beautification and Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
February 6, 2025**

1. Call to Order

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

Present: Kim Wennerberg, Sommer Adams, Mike Goodchild, Evan Anderson.

Absent:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 2, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Goodchild; the motion passed without objection.

3. TREE DONATION POLICY DISCUSSION

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that there are individuals in the policy who are no longer with us.

Mrs. Wennerberg asked if they want Public Works to be the contact.

Mr. Townsend stated that we can make Public Works the contact person.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that she reached out to three funeral homes regarding the tree donation policy.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that she wants the funeral homes to donate trees to the city and maybe have someone in charge of overseeing that and acting as the liaison.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that the committee can make a motion to remove trees if they would like.

A motion was made to remove Water Oats and Dogwood Trees off the list of trees by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Goodchild; the motion passed without objection.

4. DOG PARK UPDATE

Mr. Townsend gave his dog park update.

Mrs. Wennerberg reminded everyone that staff was looking into developing the dog park at both locations.

Mr. Townsend stated that included in the plans are a small dog area and a large dog area.

Mr. Townsend stated that the cost to install fencing for the location near the police station was \$33,805 for the fence.

Mr. Townsend stated that the cost to work behind the armory would be \$20,790.

Mr. Townsend stated that the work is only for the fence.

Mr. Townsend stated that it actually does include sod.

Mrs. Wennerberg asked what should be done next.

Mr. Townsend asked the board if they could think of anything else that needs to be considered.

The board suggested trash cans, water access, signage, and lighting.

Mr. Townsend stated that the parks are typically open from dusk to dawn.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that we can say it is just like any other park if it is too expensive.

Mr. Townsend stated that there are currently no light poles.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that we want to make sure that we have seating.

Mr. Townsend explained that benches are expensive.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that we may be able to get those donated.

5. PLANTS ON SOUTH 10TH STREET QUOTE RATIFICATION

Mr. Townsend stated that he needs the committee to ratify the quote from Advanced nursery.

A motion was made to ratify the purchase order from advance nursery by Mrs. Adams and seconded by Mr. Goodchild; the motion passed without objection.

Mrs. Adams stated that she would like to have a discussion on what we need to do now.

Mr. Goodchild stated that she needs to organize a time for when we should do this.

Mr. Wennerberg stated that we must organize a workday.

Mrs. Adams stated that we need to first remove the grass from there.

Mrs. Adams stated that there are events coming up, and they would preferably like to have this done beforehand.

Mr. Goodchild asked if we can make our regular meeting a work day and start early.

Mr. Townsend stated that would be March 6th, and Mr. Ali would have to send out the notice.

Mr. Townsend asked IT to pull up the map.

Mr. Townsend and the board identified where the plants would be placed.

Mr. Townsend asked the committee what time they would like to start.

Mrs. Wennerberg asked to start early.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that we should do a workshop.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that we can start with a meeting and then move to a workshop format.

Mrs. Wennerberg stated that the backup day could be Friday.

Mr. Wennerberg stated that the meeting will be on March 6th at 9:00 AM, and the backup day will be March 7th.

Mr. Goodchild asked if there is water at that location.

Mr. Townsend stated that we will work on identifying the water source and that the city has a way of getting water there.

6. MURAL ON 90

The Board discussed the mural on 90.

Mr. Townsend asked the board what they would like to put on the wall.

Mr. Anderson stated that whatever gets put on there does not need to be distracting.

Mrs. Adams stated that she would like to put something on there to honor the Walton Braves.

Mr. Townsend stated that we will have to send it to the state for them to approve it.

The board decided on the phrase "Home of the Walton Braves."

7. MEDIANS ON 90 WEST

Mrs. Wennerberg opened the floor for discussion on the medians on 90 West.

Mrs. Wennerberg asked Mr. Townsend what he wants the board to do for that area.

Mr. Townsend stated that the board needs to decide what they would like him to do.

Mr. Townsend explained that the city maintains the medians.

The board discussed what they would like to do with the medians.

Mr. Townsend stated that the board can think about this and bring it back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Wennerberg asked if it would look good if the old plants were to just be removed.

Mrs. Townsend answered that he would not like to have the soil exposed.

Mr. Wennerberg asked the committee to provide a list of what they would like to see out there.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mrs. Wennerberg asked if there were any citizen comments.

There were no comments.

Mr. Goodchild provided an update on the Arbor Day plaque.

Mr. Goodchild stated that he brought it back for approval from the board.

Mr. Townsend stated that we can bring it back to the next meeting for approval.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Approved:

Kim Wennerberg, Chair

ATTEST:

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