

Appearance Commission Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Attendees:

Melvin Caldwell
Collette Touchette
Becky Webb
Toni Woods

Tom Rowe
Sandra Waters
Sheila Iveson

Guests:

Toni Woods
Zach Perry
Rachel Blake
Marisa Carlton

Absent: Bill Sigmon

I. Welcome

A. Collette called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. She also congratulated our new member, Toni Woods, for completing her doctoral studies in theology.

II. Approval of Minutes of Thursday, Apr. 9, 2015

The minutes were approved with one correction to the attendance.

III. Old Business

A. Financial Report

- The budget was reviewed with few additions from last month. Collette and Sandra will meet and reconcile all expenditures not recorded in accounts payable.
- Collette presented an estimate for enlarging 10 pictures of downtown buildings as part of the Teen Leadership project. A motion was made to approve the expenditure for 2' x 3' copies. The motion was approved.

B. Teen Leadership

- The group showed an example of an enlarged picture of a downtown building. The commission approved expenditure for 10 more pictures, choices to be made by the Teen Leadership group

C. Canvas Mural Contest

- Collette contacted Morganton's Main Street Coordinator and acquired details on their banners.
- Sheila and Collette need to meet to discuss before presenting to the Commission.

D. Curb Appeal-Newton Style

- Collette contacted Serina Hinson to make sure there were no problems with us collecting donations for this project. She is waiting for Serina to touch base with John Cilley. Collette will contact everyone once we have the go ahead.
- The group also reviewed all submissions and voted on their choice. The announcement will be made once we have an answer from Serina Hinson.
- Collette will first meet with the winners and get approval to redo their yard.
- Collette will then put together a team to do a site evaluation so we can plan the work.

E. Lookin Better Together

- The Commission received one candidate on 21st street for this program. Collette will contact the person.
- The Commission will plan to visit this site on either June 13 or June 20.

F. Yard of the Month

- All 3 gift cards have been purchase. The May yard was presented.
- 4 potential yards for the June yard were presented to the group. The Commission voted on 2147 Chelsea, the home of James & Brenda Osborne.

G. Civic Group Signs at Hwy 16/10

- Kiwanis responded that they would like to replace their sign.
- VFW said they would replace their sign.
- Rotary said they would like to replace their sign but only if they could put it on the City of Newton sign. Todd Clark will get back to us as to when the new City of Newton sign will be erected.

H. Adopt-a-Spot

- Our first Adopt-a-Spot sign was installed for the KCCB spot.
- Tom and Jim have completed the spot at 'O' Street. Now they are waiting for the flowers to come up.
- All members received a portfolio of adoptable spots and were requested that each person come back to the June meeting with one spot adopted.

I. Lookin Good

- No new postings were made this month. The group made suggestions for next month's postings.
- It was suggested that we get reflective vests with the Appearance Commission printed on them. Sandra will look into this.

J. Litter Sweep

- Collette reported that we had about 80 volunteers. It was a very successful litter sweep.

K. Flower Beds across from Fire Station

The flowers will be delivered to Collette and the Commission will plant them.

L. There was no other old business

IV. New Business

A. Earth Day Fair

The fair scheduled for a Saturday was postponed to Sunday due to rain. Collette was not able to attend that Sunday.

B. Downtown Audit

Three letters were sent out addressing trash cans visible from the street

C. Other

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2015
Recreation Center

Notation: Highlighted sections denote an "Action Item," requiring action by one or more commission members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Collette Touchette
Chairperson, Appearance Commission
6/4/2015