



DARLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2015.

The meeting of the Beautification Board was called to order by Lisa Rock. Members present: Lisa Rock, Ronda Brown, Laura Burns, Howard Garland, Jimmy White and Susan Bridgers. Also, joining us was Mr. Chapman, with Codes Enforcement.

The meeting was opened with a beautiful prayer by Laura Burns thanking God for this beautiful Season and His Guidance in all we do.

Minutes of our February meeting were reviewed. Laura Burns made a Motion for approval, seconded by Jimmy White and unanimous approval by the Board.

Lisa Chalian-Rock gave the Treasurer's Report, as attached hereto, as well as upcoming projects. She advised that Linda Howle had resigned from the Board, and, therefore, Ms. Laura Burns presented the Kalmia Garden Study Club report. She and Ms. Brown advised the Garden Clubs of South Carolina, Eastern division, had their meeting here with eighty in attendance. A slide presentation was produced to provide wonderful publicity and public relations for Darlington. Our Garden and Study Club won first place for the "Pots on the Square" project. Plans are now being made for Spring plantings.

Mrs. Rock discussed with the Board continuing plans for the Clean-Up Day to be held Saturday, April 11th. We are moving forward with Ms. Burns excellent suggestion that this be publicized as a community-wide clean-up, with participants also cleaning their own yards and properties, along with those coming especially to clean and spruce up "downtown. Lisa advised that a line reminder has been placed on the City Water Bills. Ms. Burns made a motion that the Eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars in the budget originally for a Garden Party be used for the pine straw, planting and other materials for this project. Additional projects are included on the attached sheet provided to the Board, as well as the Clean Up Job List emailed to each Board member, as attached hereto.

Mr. Garland shared in our last meeting that John Matthews had expressed interest in the Boy Scouts placing benches at some of the various PDRTA bus-stops. Mrs. Bridgers contacted the Matthews family and was told that this was still in the planning stage and they would keep her advised. Mr. Garland also reported that all the crepe myrtles had been trimmed in the last month, specifically on Warley, Cashua, Park, and North Main Streets. The Sidewalks at the Veterans Memorial and North Main Street from the Square to Fountain Street are being replaced too. The street sweeper had been down for about ten (10) weeks but is finally back in working order. The City is considering an Ordinance against individuals using backpack blowers to blow debris (leaves, soil, etc.) into the street because this causes storm drainage issues. Mr. White said it was a good idea in theory but would be difficult to enforce. Others agreed.

Nominations for the two Pride awards were voted on and it was unanimously agreed that the Dickerson home at 113 South Ervin would receive the Residential Pride Award and Total Pizazz on Pearl Street would receive the Business Pride Award. Time for these presentations will be furnished.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m. and our next meeting will be April 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Bridgers, Acting Secretary