



DARLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2016.

The meeting of the Beautification Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Lisa Chalian-Rock.

Members present: Lisa Chalian-Rock, Ronda Brown, Laura Burns, Reverend Coleman Cannon, Howard Garland, Becky Ishman, William Jackson, Jimmy White and Susan Bridgers.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Laura Burns thanking Him for His guidance us in all we do to preserve the beauty of his creation.

Minutes of our June meeting, were reviewed by those in attendance, with unanimous approval by all.

Lisa Chalian-Rock gave the Treasurer's Report and provided a written copy to all in attendance, which also included the budgeted items. As this report was reviewed by the Board, Ms. Brown made Motion that the funds allocated for a Garden Party be, instead, allocated to additional benches or bike racks, and this was seconded by Ms. Ishman and unanimous approval by the Board.

Ms. Ronda Brown advised that the Kalmia Garden Study Club had raised money in their recent fundraiser to be used towards future beautification projects, of which is being considered the entrance to Bi-Lo. She also gave an updated on the benches which were installed on the Square and certain issues which have arisen as to their placement. She and Mrs. Chalian-Rock asked the Board to consider alternate placing of the benches, with particular interest as to proper distance from the sidewalk, proper, for pedestrian travel. Also, as to which way the various benches should be installed so as to face the Square or face the "scenery" surrounding. Also, a discussion was had concerning the issue of the pots on the Square being broken by cars parking in the spaces where these are placed, to allow proper pedestrian travel on the sidewalks. Ms. Brown suggested that we install cement curb barriers. This idea was well received by the Board and a request will be made to SCDOT for approval of this installation. Mr. Garland also suggested that additional pots be purchased and kept in storage for future. Also, Ms. Brown related to the Board that the cherry trees had not fared well in the hot weather and she suggested that they be removed and that the plantings be alternated in the pots to have the miniature fir trees remain, but to have seasonal colored flowers planted in the pots, with alternation of fir and colored planting. Ms. Brown made the Motion for approval of the placement of the benches, the installation of the cement curb barriers, after approval by SCDOT, and for additional pots to be ordered. This Motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and unanimous approval given by the Board.

Mrs. Chalian-Rock also advised the Board that since construction had been completed on the new Wal-Mart, the gas lights would be reconnected at the South Main Street entrance, as well as the sign replaced.

Mrs. Chalian-Rock asked that thought be given to the next nominees for the Residential Pride Award to be made next month. A nomination was made for consideration of the residence at 605 Cashua Street, and members will make special effort to see this property before the next meeting.

The Fall clean up day will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club Clean up the Square day.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., and our next meeting will be September 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Bridgers, Acting Secretary