



DARLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2014.

The meeting of the Beautification Board was called to order by Lisa Rock. Members present were: Lisa Rock, Ronda Brown, Laura Burns, Reverend Coleman Cannon, Howard Garland, Becky Ishman, Mayor Tony Watkins, Jimmy White and Susan Bridgers.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Cannon thanking God for this glorious day and asking that He continue to guide us as we seek to serve Him and care for His creation.

Minutes of our October, 2014, meeting were reviewed. Howard Garland made a Motion for approval, which was seconded by Reverend Cannon and approval unanimously given by the Board.

Lisa Chalian-Rock gave the Treasurer's Report, as set forth on the attachment hereto, which also reflected the 2014-2015 Budget, and noted the projects to which each amount has been allocated.

Ronda Brown presented the Kalmia Garden Study Club report in the absence of Mrs. Linda Howle, and advised the Board that the soil would be amended in the gardens of the Memorial Center and the City Administration Building to prepare it for additional plantings. She also updated the Board on the Streetscape Project and with great enthusiasm shared that all of the pots have been sold, and that the response for additional purchases is tremendous. She said when all pots are sold and in position that we will hold a ceremony to celebrate the new beauty added to the Square and adjoining areas.

Lisa also advised the Board of the upcoming Arbor Day Ceremony to be held at the corner of Orange Street and Wells Street with the planting of a Black Gum tree and a flowering cherry tree. This will be held on December 5th, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. and will include the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation. She also updated the Board on the benches and advised that the DDRA would be responsible for this purchase and the decision on the style for the bench.

Howard Garland shared with the Board that the Williamson Park Run was very successful and that their projects are on-going. He made note of the improvements which have already been completed and that the City had spent One hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars to improve the boardwalk in the park, get rid of the invasive ivy and the planting of one thousand, two hundred (1,200) trees in the last six (60) years. It is hoped that the Park can be expanded to include the cemetery area over to North Main Street, and also that it will include a playground for our children.

Lisa also provided to the Board the calendar of meetings for the upcoming year and Motion was made for approval of the same by Howard Garland, with a second to this motion by Becky Ishman.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. There will be no regular meeting in December, and our next meeting will be January 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Bridgers, Acting Secretary