

**LAKE CITY/COLUMBIA COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

MINUTES

There was a regular called meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee held on February 21, 2012, located at City Hall, located at 205 North Marion Avenue and beginning at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Bettye Lane, Chair
 Stephen M. Witt, Mayor, City of Lake City
 Scarlet Frisina, Citizen, Board of County Commissioners
 Melinda Moses, Councilmember, City of Lake City
 James Montgomery, Citizen
 Faye Bowling-Warren, Citizen
 Nick Harwell, Airport Manager
 Grayson Cason, Assistant City Manager
 Michele Greene, Deputy City Clerk

Mr. Cason asked to address the committee regarding procedural issues. Ms. Lane stated he could address the committee as item III.

I. Call to order

Ms. Lane called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Review and adoption of minutes December 13, 2011

Ms. Bowling-Warren made a motion to adopt the December 13, 2011 minutes as published. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. Committee procedures (Grayson Cason)

Mr. Cason explained this committee is an advisory committee to the Council and wanted to remind members that all matters need to be voted by the committee as a recommendation to be brought forward to the City Council for vote. Mr. Cason stated this includes any expenditures or acceptance of donations.

IV. Florida Arbor Day review

- A. Event quality
- B. Special positives
- C. Suggestions for improvement

Members discussed how they liked having the ceremony at the planting location. Ms. Lane commended the School Board staff for their assistance in setting up for the event.

V. Updates

- A. Projects and proposals

An update was provided on the Master Gardener's project at the Oaklawn Cemetery.

- B. Funding efforts
Members discussed the need to solicit additional funds for the committee. **Ms. Frisina made a motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize Ms Bettye Lane as Chair of the Beautification Committee to approach both the City Council and the County Commission at the next year's budget process for funds to be allocated to the Beautification Committee. Mayor seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

Ms. Lane stated that the Beautification account has run into a deficit of \$198.52 after the 2012 Florida Arbor Day event. **Committee concurred to send the appropriate request needed to Vystar to solicit their annual contribution to the committee.** Mayor Witt stated he would contact Vystar regarding the funds. Ms. Bowling-Warren suggested soliciting donations from others as well, such as the new refuse service provider in the County.

- C. Original City Hall tree relocation
Committee will get with Public Works Director Thomas Henry to find out the whereabouts of the tree that was planted at old City Hall.

VI. Current concerns

A. National Arbor Day Tree Give Away

1. Date/Location/Time

Members concurred to hold the Annual Tree Give Away on Friday, April 27, 2012 beginning at 10 am at Memorial Stadium.

2. Contacts

Ms. Lane stated the committee would work on contacts and tree selections at the next meeting.

3. Program/Publicity


Ms. Lane asked Mr. Harwell if he would do the program for this year's event.

VII. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee will be held on March 20, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and duly seconded at 4:38 pm.


Michele L. Greene, Deputy City Clerk