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**LAKE CITY/COLUMBIA COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 20, 2012**

**MINUTES**

There was a special called meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee held on March 20, 2012, located at City Hall, located at 205 North Marion Avenue and beginning at 4:00 P.M.

Present:

- Bettye Lane, Chair
- Scarlet Frisina, Citizen, Board of County Commissioners
- James Montgomery, Citizen
- Faye Bowling-Warren, Citizen
- Karl Burkhardt, Lake City Journal.com
- Nick Harwell, Airport Manager
- Grayson Cason, Assistant City Manager
- Linda Walser, Elliano's
- Debi Bennefield, Elliano's
- Thomas Henry, City Public Works Director
- Michele Greene, Deputy City Clerk

**I. Call to order**

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

Ms. Lane stated the minutes from the February 14, 2012 meeting will be presented for review and adoption at the next regular called committee meeting.

**II. Arbor Day Tree Give-Away**

**A. Verified funds/resources**

Mr. Cason advised that a \$500 check was received from Vystar this week bringing the Beautification Committee account to a balance of \$301.48.

Ms. Lane reported that Ms. Moses indicated that Plum Creek had shown interest in financing a tree give away event. Ms. Moses has sent a letter requesting support to Plum Creek. Ms. Lane added it was uncertain the status of this possible resource.

Ms. Lane stated Zack Paulk with Wal-Mart will be sending her information on applying for grant funds through Wal-Mart.

**Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to graciously accept on behalf of the Beautification Committee a donation of a check in the amount of \$1000 from Mr. James Montgomery. Ms. Bowling-Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

With these new funds, the Beautification Committee account balance is now \$1301.48.

B. Tree numbers/sources

Ms. Walser from Elliano's introduced Ms. Debi Bennefield and added Elliano's again would be happy to participate in the annual tree give away.

**Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to graciously accept the donation from Elliano's for the 2012 Annual Tree Give Away of 100 one (1) gallon red maples and 300 one (1) gallon dogwood trees; for total of 400 one gallon trees. Ms. Frisina seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

**Ms. Frisina made a motion to accept the generous donation of assorted seedlings from Dwight Stansel's Nurseries for the 2012 Annual Tree Give Away. Mr. Burkhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

Ms. Bowling-Warren presented an email of the tree recommendations from Central FL Lands & Timber, LLC. **Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to recommend the purchase of the following one (1) gallon trees from Central FL Lands & Timber, LLC; American Elm, Dahoon Holly, Black Walnut, Live Oak, and Magnolia(if available) not to exceed \$1000.00. This motion also provides should the cost of the Magnolia be too high or the tree is unavailable, then the Laurel Oak will be chosen in lieu of the Magnolia. Mr. Cason seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

C. Contact assignments

1. Supervisor of Elections

**Mr. Cason made a motion to send a letter to Elizabeth Horne, Supervisor of Elections, inviting her office to participate in the Annual Tree Give-away by setting up a table to assist with voter registration needs. Mr. Burkhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

2. Dave Clanton's staff

Mr. Henry stated that he had already ensured staff was notified.

D. Program

**Ms. Bowling-Warren made a motion to accept the generous donation from the Lake City Journal.com to cover the expense of the printing of the Annual Tree Give-Away programs at a cost of \$75.00. Ms. Frisina seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

Members discussed the assignments for the program:

Welcome	Scarlet Frisina
Pledge of Allegiance	Scarlet Frisina
National Anthem	Will ask if Audre' Washington will sing
Proclamation	Mayor Witt

Tree Give Away Procedures Faye Bowling-Warren  
Tree Planting & Care Karl Burkhardt  
Closing Nick Harwell

E. Publicity

Members discussed publicity opportunities through the Lake City Journal. com, Lake City Reporter, and radio interviews.

F. Set-up

Mr. Henry stated he would have set up take care of and trees could be delivered to Memorial Stadium either Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, April 126<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Other Concerns**

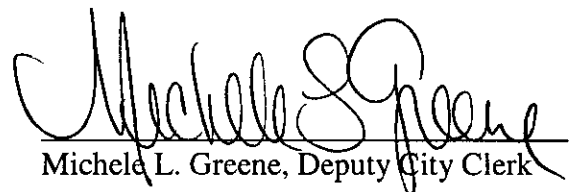
Members discussed providing "Thank You" letters to all the contributors to the 2012 Annual Tree Give-Away.

**IV. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee will be held on June 12, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and duly seconded at 4:50 pm.

  
Michele L. Greene, Deputy City Clerk