

**LAKE CITY/COLUMBIA COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 12, 2013**

**MINUTES**

There was a regular called meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee held on March 12, 2013, 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  
                              Nick Harwell- Airport Manager  
                              Grayson Cason- Assistant City Manager  
                              Tresca Crusaw- Vystar Credit Union  
                              Michele Greene- Deputy City Clerk

Ms. Faye Bowling-Warren had advised earlier that she would be unable to attend but had provided Ms. Lane a memo to be presented under item 2B.

**I.     Call to order**

Ms. Lane called the meeting to order at 4:18 pm.

**II.    Arbor Day Tree Give Away**

**A.     Verified funds**

Ms. Lane stated the committee was solvent for the Annual Tree Give-Away Event.

**B.     Tree numbers/ sources**

In Ms. Bowling-Warren's absence, she provided a report of the available tree numbers and sources to include costs. Ms. Bowling-Warren indicated the committee could purchase one hundred (100) one (1) gallon trees each of the suggested types of trees (Red Bud, Dahoon Holly, American Elm, Black Walnut, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple, and Live Oak) at a cost of \$1.50 each from Central Florida Land and Timber. This is a total cost of \$1050.00.

Ms. Bowling-Warren also indicated that Dwight Stansel Nursery would again donate an assortment of seedlings. She indicated it is unknown how many trees Elliano's will be contributing for the event.

Ms. Bowling-Warren advised that Slay's Nursery offered to set aside one hundred (100) assorted three (3) gallon container trees (Dahoon Holly, River Birch, and Live Oak) for a total of \$100.00. Ms. Bowling-Warren recommends that the committee purchases these trees at this cost.

**Mayor Witt made a motion for the Beatification Committee to purchase from Central Florida Land and Timber one hundred (100) one (1) gallon trees each of the suggested types of trees (Red Bud, Dahoon Holly, American Elm, Black Walnut, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple, and Live Oak) at a cost of \$1.50 each; for a**

total cost of \$1050.00. The motion also allows the committee to purchase one hundred (100) assorted three (3) gallon container trees (Dahoon Holly, River Birch, and Live Oak) for a total of \$100.00 from Slay's Nursery and to accept the donation of assorted seedlings from Dwight Stansel Nursery. Total expense to be paid by the committee is \$1150.00. Mr. Harwell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- C. Contact assignments
  - 1. Supervisor of Elections
  - 2. Dave Clanton's staff

A letter requesting a representative from Ms. Liz Horne's staff to participate in the annual event has been sent. Mr. Clanton will be asked to provide support staff for the annual event.

- D. Program  
Members discussed the following possible assignments for the event program:

Welcome/Pledge	Mr. Johnson
National Anthem	Will ask Audre' Washington
Proclamation	Mayor Witt
Tree Planting/Care	Karl Burkhardt
Tree Give-Away Procedures	Faye Bowling-Warren
Closing Remarks	Scarlet Frisina

- E. Publicity  
Members discussed the need to have publicity to run in the Lake City Reporter to run no earlier than Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Lane stated Mr. Burkhardt always does an outstanding job publicizing the event on lakecityjournal.com. Ms. Crusaw stated she would check into the availability of using Vystar's Reader Board to promote the event and their website. Ms. Lane added that she and Mr. Harwell usually discuss the event on the local radio as well.

Members discussed on advertising to the Ft. White area.

- F. Set-up  
Thomas Henry and the City Public Work's staff will ensure the set-up of the event.

### III. Other concerns

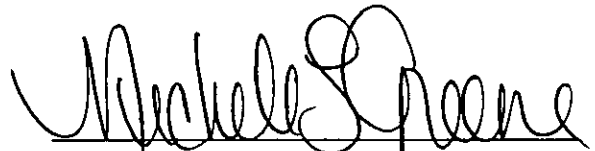
- A. Expressions of appreciations  
Ms. Lane advised she had formally thanked the City Council for their financial support to the committee. She added she also sends out expressions of appreciations to all the entities that have helped with publicity.
- B. Ms. Lane stated she would try to contact Mike Williams with PCS to see if PCS would be interested in contributing to the committee.
- C. **Mr. Harwell made a motion to move the regular scheduled February meeting to March in 2014. Mayor Witt seconded the motion. The motion passed in a voice vote.**

**IV. Next meeting date**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Beautification Committee will be on June 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.



Michele L. Greene, Deputy City Clerk