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- Versailles Community Betterment Residential Beautification/Quarterly Cleanup Minutes, February 6, 2017
Members Residential Beautification Committee of the Versailles Community Betterment Organization met at the Morgan County on February 6, 2017. Those present included: Chairman Anthony Koons, Dorothy Lucas, Lucille Schouten, Barbara Saltzman, Amy Siler, Jacquie Brewer, Pat Opie and Secretary Carol Jones. Vice chairperson Jo Ann Mayer was not able to attend.
Chairman Koons called the meeting to order and gave a brief report on what had gone on at the initial meeting of the Betterment Organization on January 30, 2017.
Members discussed various areas of the city that they felt needed improvement, such as broken sidewalks and areas without sidewalks at all, houses with mold growing on the north side, certain streets in town that needed clean-up, tires piled up on certain properties, non-running cars parked on front lawns for months on end, and trash and debris being dumped in alleys and other spots around town.
They were also interested in ways to enhance and highlight the historical aspects of the town which would be a draw for tourists.
Dorothy Lucas brought up that the city ordinances are too complicated and need to be made simpler and clearer. An example that was presented was the city ordinances used by the city of Washington, Missouri, which are very simple to understand and easily enforceable.
Pat Opie wondered if it would be possible to put something across from the military memorial at the intersection of Highway 5 and Monroe Street and also to plant trees along Monroe Street. Someone suggested apple trees to reflect the October Apple Festival.
Spring clean-up in April was discussed. It was suggested that awards be given to those who do an excellent job of improving the looks of their properties. Pat Opie suggested talking to the mayor and seeing if more clean-up dates could be added throughout the year. One just before Apple Festival would be highly advisable. Someone suggested finding out if any group picks up old tires or appliances. Any clean-up dates should be highly publicized by newspaper and radio for greater participation. It was recommended that a list be compiled of locations to recycle various items.
Dorothy Lucas reported that Leonard Campbell is retiring as chair of the Planning and Zoning committee and said it would be a good idea to see it reorganized, as it has been inactive lately.
Chairman Koons stated he would like to put out a questionnaire so citizens could list their concerns.
Amy Siler recommended finding out what the present ordinances cover and also establishing a time line of what needs to be done to accomplish the goals, in what order and at what time.
- Jacquie Brewer suggested it would be a good idea to start with cleaning up one street at a time. She recommended notifying residents of that street before clean-up was scheduled to begin so they would have time to apply for assistance if they needed it. Various groups in town, such as youth groups or religious organizations would be willing to help with clean up efforts. Also, Ann Black can assist with securing grants to help pay any expenses that might occur.
Those present were advised that meetings of the Residential Betterment Committee would be held on

the first Monday of every month at the library at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones, Secretary

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