

Residential Beautification Committee

March 5, 2018

Members of the Residential Beautification Committee met March 5, 2018. Those present were: Tony Coons, Chris Bass, Lucille Schouten, Barbara Salzman, Courtney Carpio, Joann Mayor, Angee Whitaker, Amy Siler, and Carol Jones.

Chairman Tony Coons called the meeting to order. Amy Siler gave a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chris Bass moved to accept the minutes as written and Courtney Carpio seconded. The motion carried.

Concerning the brick project, Tony said that Lana Andersen would be at the next meeting. She is the real estate agent for one of the properties with a brick sidewalk. Courtney Carpio said she had contact information for Alex Blodgett, who owns the residence at 203 Van Buren Street. Barbara Salzman reported that from her property on West Green Street there are brick sidewalks going west and that Dave Avey and Charles Hibdon with the city crew could probably help identify locations.

Tony asked for reports from the subcommittees. Amy Siler reported that she and 3 other people attended a meeting on March 1 regarding the 3MT project. A fund-raiser is being held April 21 in California and a potato bar luncheon for Versailles is tentatively scheduled for April 28. Our group is in charge of the evening meal for the 3MT group on June 17. It will be a deli sandwich meal and manpower is needed. Monroe Street is being canvassed for input on possible projects and letters are going out. The next meeting of the 3MT subcommittee will be March 29 at 7 pm at the First Christian Church, and Amy advised people to use the back door. Tony mentioned that more chaperones are needed for the 3MT event. Carol Jones is in charge of the brick project historical research, but did not have a report at this time. Joann Mayor will be helping with this subcommittee.

Tony reported on the Community Helping Hands concept, which would handle small local projects utilizing area people and groups. Tony asked if Chris and Bekah would be willing to co-chair the group. Since Bekah was not present to answer for herself, Chris volunteered. Tony advised those present that Bekah would chair the citywide decorating events subcommittee.

Tony stated that a community outreach person was needed to find out what the people need and locate people to handle various tasks, such as picking up scrap metal. Courtney Carpio volunteered to take care of that.

Under old business, Tony talked about the house on the corner of N. Monroe and Hwy 52, which has been greatly improved, and that Tom Todd had purchased the property on N. Monroe where the house was recently torn down. He said that Kat Boyd will write thank you cards for the Community Betterment group. Courtney Carpio said she would pass on information to Kat.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 2 at 6 pm at the rural fire station.

Carol Jones, Secretary