

City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2016

Guests Attending: Deb Sanderson, Eileen Oldag, Bert Turner, and DeDe Rhodes all representing the Central Arkansas Master Naturalists

CBC Members: Bubba Earnhart, Susan Langley, Gayle Fisher, Becky Hight

City Staff: Dan Scott

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Eileen Oldag presented the request from the CAMN representatives for a butterfly garden at the St Joseph's Farm. The plan includes adaptive and native plants for pollinators, ADA compliant walkways using crushed granite, keeping the existing grotto and bench on site, an education component, trellises for hummingbird and bee friendly vines, and an installed irrigation system. After discussion, Susan Langley moved the application be funded for \$3603.00. Bubba Earnhart seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

An application from Cypress Crossing Property Owners group was discussed. The request was for \$681.38 for trees, roses, and some lighting. Bubba Earnhart moved the application be funded. Susan Langley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Becky Hight brought up a special project request for the Old Mill property. It was requested that two concrete pads be poured and that two coated metal picnic tables be bolted to the pads. Tom Brooks would pour the pads for a total of \$500.00. Wayne Davis with Davis Playgrounds would supply the two picnic tables plus hardware for \$1581.93. The Parks Department would bolt the tables to the pads. The total request was for \$2081.93. Becky Hight moved the special project be funded. Susan Langley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. After discussion it was decided that two checks should be cut and be sent to Neighborhood Services. That department would hold the checks until the work is completed and Becky Hight asks the checks be sent to the two contractors.

Dan Scott updated the Commission that a purchase order from 2015 would be canceled because the School District did not need the money to repair their

greenhouse. That amount of money, \$3914.00 would be added back into this year's CBC budget according to an email from Finance Director Karen Scott.

Dan Scott brought up the recent change in value of volunteer hours according to the Arkansas Department of Human Services. ADHS values volunteer hours at \$21.36 an hour. On the CBC application, volunteer hours can be used to match CBC funds at a rate of \$17.55 per hour. The Commission discussed raising the value of volunteer hours on the application. Becky Hight moved that the value of volunteer hours on the CBC application be raised to \$18.00 per hour. Bubba Earnhart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Previous Balance	\$13,324
+ Return of funds canceled PO	<u>+ 3,914</u>
Subtotal	\$ 17,148
St Joseph's Butterfly Garden request	<u>- 3,603</u>
Subtotal	\$ 13,545
Cypress Crossing request	<u>- 682</u>
Subtotal	\$ 12,863
Old Mill Picnic Table Special Project	<u>- 2,082</u>
Remaining Balance	\$ 10,781