

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

KEEP CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL

April 9, 2026

Members present: Myrtis Tabb, Charlene Wolfe, Catherine Wolfe, Mary Anna Davis, Betsy Abraham, Adolph Hilliard

Betsy Abraham called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After a review of the February 2026 meeting minutes, Myrtis Tabb made a motion to approve the minutes. Adolph Hilliard seconded the motion, and the vote was all in favor of the motion.

Budget Review

The commission reviewed the February and March 2026 budget and expenses.

Old Business

1. Betsy Abraham reported that the remaining two parking lot signs will be installed today. Myrtis Tabb has submitted the two bids for the Breezeway flooring to be approved at the next board meeting. Mary Anna Davis mentioned the need for more lighting in the parking lot area. Trey from Public Works will make sure that the current lighting has the updated bulbs. Betsy Abraham mentioned the grass around the dumpsters in this area. Trey will get with the street supervisor and get this grass cut and sprayed.
2. Betsy Abraham said Lisa Miller is working on getting the price for mounting Jimmy Pambianchi's bike at the bike trail entrance. She has not gotten an update on the kiosk signs yet.
3. The rose bushes that were previously by the arbors downtown have been removed. The group discussed the need to start removing and cleaning up the remaining rose beds. Mary Anna Davis will get with Trey and see what should be done first. After discussion of the bed across from State Farm in the public parking lot, Myrtis Tabb made a motion for Betsy Abraham and Mary Anna Davis to work together and make a decision on what to do with this bed. Catherine Wolfe seconded the motion, and the vote was all in favor of the motion.
4. The hanging baskets will be put up tomorrow. Mary Anna Davis has all the plants for the planters. She does not have an exact date for when they will be ready. She will let the group know when she starts on them. Mary Anna Davis will take a look at the downtown deck planters and see what needs to be done with them.
5. Betsy Abraham reported the Big Green Event was successful. There was no crew at the bike trail this year. Betsy plans to have a meeting with the Big Green Event crew in January of next year to form a plan so that this does not happen again.
6. Earth Day will be held on April 18, 2026. Betsy Abraham reported that the article about Earth Day would be in the paper next week. There has been an Earth Day ad run in the paper once. Desira Warrington got the flyers printed, and they have been taken to the locations. Adolph has been working on getting them to the surrounding towns. Myrtis Tabb will get in contact with Kevin at the radio station to run an ad for the event. Desira Warrington is taking care of the food.

7. The Public Works Grounds crew has been awarded the Keep Mississippi Beautiful award. They will attend the luncheon on April 30, 2026, to receive this award.

New Business

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cleveland Beautification Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy Abraham", written over a horizontal line.

Betsy Abraham, Chair