



Agenda

West Columbia Beautification Foundation
May 5, 2026 at 8:30 AM
200 N. 12th Street
West Columbia, SC 29169

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MINUTES
West Columbia Beautification Foundation
April 7, 2026
200 N. 12th Street
West Columbia, SC 29169
8:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Whetzel, Chairman
Lainie Lewis, Vice Chairman
Jamie Hook, Secretary
Denise Bouknight
Steve Cohen
Steven Doar
Mike Green
Richard Jones
Anastasia Manos
Bob Michalski
Chuck Underhill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Temus "Tem" Miles
Jake Moore
Connie Vaughn
Robin Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anna Huffman
Holly Crawford
David Kannaday
Justin Wise
Emory Bedenbaugh

MEDIA PRESENT:

The agenda was posted at City Hall, on Facebook and Twitter, and emailed to The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, The Columbia Star, COLADaily.com, radio and television stations on April 2, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Kathy Whetzel called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting held on March 3, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Foundation Member Manos.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

3.1. Presentation Regarding Three Rivers Bridge Dinner 2026 - Erin Curtis, Executive Director
Ms. Curtis was unable to attend and will present at the May 5, 2026 meeting.

4. PROGRESS REPORT

4.1. Monthly Financial Report

A financial report was given of \$184,164.97

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4.2. Beautification Projects Update

Jamie Hook, Secretary, informed everyone landscaping is scheduled to be installed on April 9, 2026 for the tobacco store on the corner of 12th Street and Meeting St. Additionally, the Highway 1 median beautification project is anticipated to go out to bid the week of April 13th, 2026.

4.3. Taste of the River 2026 Update

Chair Kathy Whetzel informed everyone they should have received an email about tickets and to please register your information this week to receive those tickets, as the event sold out the past 2 years.

Foundation Member Steve Cohen suggested that each member donate 2 bottles of wine (\$25 value each), raffling those off to raise additional funds. No decision was made at the meeting.

Additionally, there was discussion about the zoo fundraisers, as they also host wine and bourbon tasting events. Foundations members will look at potential ideas to make the Taste on the River Event different, in hope to raise more money.

There are currently 11 restaurants that have committed to Taste on the River, with three spots to fill.

Finally, there was discussion about adding vacation/trips to the auction list to help expand participation.

Reminder - please deliver any auction items to Justin Wise, Events Coordinator.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Jamie Hook, Secretary, announced the annual citywide Litter Pickup Day will take place Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9am - 12pm, starting at City Hall.

Holly Crawford, Events Manager, announced the Meeting Street Music Festival will be April 17 - 18, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kathy Whetzel adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The next Beautification Foundation meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the New Brookland Room at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Hook
Beautification Foundation Secretary

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