

**Keep Saraland Beautiful  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2018**

Members in attendance:

Carl Kelly	Leona Calhoun
Wayne Biggs	Janice Harvison
Basil Smith	Mildred Blass
Gloria Webb	Britni Rivers
Fred Webb	Ron Mitchell
Jimbo Calhoun	

Mildred prepared and set up lunch. Ron called the meeting to order at 12:18pm.

Basil moved that we accept the November minutes and Mildred seconded.

Britni gave the Treasurer's Report which covered expenses since October 2017. The January 11 balance was \$5,429.70. Fred asked for the gross proceeds from the end of September in order to submit the IRS report. Britni agreed to get that information to Fred.

Ron asked that Vice President Jason Weatherby's report on KSB activities to the City Council be added to the website. Ron will ask Jason for a copy of his report.

Carl discussed the annual Cleanup Day partnering Shell, Saraland High, and KSB. A February date, as originally planned, is not workable, and Coach Jeff Kelly at SHS is looking at another date. KSB needs to develop a work plan, and discussed landscaping at SHS and general cleaning up at City parks. Wayne shared that the City is hosting its Cleanup Day on April 7, which might work well for us also. This date would need to be coordinated with the City and SHS. Ron suggested Janice talk to Shilo Miller at the Chamber of Commerce to get the phone number for the school's landscaper, as he would be a good person to work on our team planning any landscaping done on the campus. Members should take note of City parks to see what needs to be done.

Ron announced an Adopt-a-Spot meeting will be next Thursday. The sponsors are all invited to the meeting as well as our members. Ron was concerned about the look of the spots in winter. In summer and late fall they are at their peak but winter requires more maintenance and changing of the plants in order to make them attractive. He suggests we increase our budget for those sites that are considered blooming sites (have water at the site). It will allow us to keep up with Shell Chemical, which maintains their beds at Hwy 158 and Hwy 43 beautifully year-round. Bryan Landscaping is paid \$650 per month, and Ron needs the authority to raise that to whatever it will take to improve those spots. Ron suggested we transfer money from the KSB account into the Adopt-a-Spot account since we are not able to raise the Adopt-a-Spot sponsor rates. Basil made a motion that KSB contribute up to \$1,200 a year to Adopt-a-Spot for this purpose, with a second by Mildred. The motion carried. Fred asked whether KSB's name would be added to the Adopt-a-Spot signs, and it was agreed that going forward some signs would list KSB and some would list Adopt-a-Spot in order to get both names out but not be too wordy on the signs.

Ron asked Janice to get in touch with Juanita Chandler to see if she is working on the Alabama Power tree grant. The City has contacted Josh of Bryan's Landscape to dig up the crape myrtles on Celeste Road that will be thrown away once road expansion begins. Discussion followed about which entity is responsible for trimming trees along Highway 43. ALDOT is responsible, and the City does not want to take on that responsibility. It was agreed that we not plant any more trees that have the maintenance requirements of a

crape myrtle along Highway 43, especially as a bike lane is about to be constructed. Ron suggests the crape myrtles that are being moved be planted in City parks or thrown away. KSB may need to take on pruning crape myrtles as an ongoing member project since they are affecting sidewalk usage on Highway 43. Businesses such as Trustmark Bank have paid their landscapers to trim the trees adjacent to their property because ALDOT is not keeping up with them.

Janice reported on the December Yard of the Month and the excited recipient. She told about the yard she was going to select in January at the repeated request of the homeowner's son. Fred asked that since our membership is low, is it possible to award YOM recipients a free year of membership? Fred made a motion that we grant each Yard of the Month recipient a free year of KSB membership to be awarded by Janice with a dated certificate. Wayne seconded and the motion passed.

Fred discussed the need for a Membership Chairman who is able to attend meetings and find ways to get more people interested in KSB.

Janice passed around the new KSB pencils she ordered, and discussed the litter bags that may be available to us through the state tourism department. She is waiting to hear back from a contact at the state about how many bags they will give us. Ron will take our pencils to the City Council meeting.

Ron reminded everyone that yard signs are pollution on a stick and asked members to discourage their use.

Fred reports the Garden Workshop is set for March 10<sup>th</sup> led by James Miles from the Extension Service. Fred asks for suggested topics and members suggested proper crape myrtle pruning, hydroponic gardening, spring plant suggestions, and elevated bed gardening. Fred will distribute flyers as soon as Janice makes them. Members need to bring a refreshment and door prize to the workshop.

Ron asked Fred to have the website designer add meeting dates and other upcoming events to the KSB website calendar. Britni reported on the Facebook page activity and will post Yards of the Month and flyers once they are sent to her.

Wayne updated KSB about the digital billboard coming to Saraland by Foosackly's. The City has negotiated for the removal of six billboards in exchange for one digital. The Planning Commission votes on this in February and it goes in front of the Council after that.

It was acknowledged that Britni's husband suddenly passed away last year and that KSB received a thank you note from her family regarding the flowers our members sent with their own funds.

The meeting was adjourned by Ron at 1:08pm.