

**Keep Saraland Beautiful  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2017**

**Members Present**

Janice Harvison  
Jimbo Calhoun  
Jason Weatherby  
Ron Mitchell  
Mildred Blass

Matthew Lambert  
Leona Calhoun  
Jeanette Greene  
Britni Rivers

Sarah Connell  
Dr. Howard Rubenstein

Jason opened the meeting at 12:15pm. Mildred moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes aloud and approve them. Ron seconded. Britni gave the Treasurer's report, and invoices were approved.

Dr. Rubenstein was present to install the Club's officers. He thanked our volunteers for their work in our city, and reminded the group of this Saturday's Cleanup Day from 8-12. One year directors were installed (if present): Mildred Blass, Jeanette Greene, Basil Smith, Leona Calhoun. Two year directors: Juanita Chandler, Sanford Flach, Carl Kelly, Joan Weldy. Treasurer Britni Rivers, Secretary Janice Harvison, Vice President Jason Weatherby, and President Ron Mitchell were all installed.

Ron reviewed the standing committee chairmen: Adopt a Spot, Ron; Great American Cleanup, Sarah and Carl; Tree Planting, Juanita; Education, Janice; Garden Workshops, Fred; Recycling, Jason; Administrative Chairperson, Jason; Membership, Joan; Fundraising, Vacant; Webmaster, Fred and Basil.

Ron noted that he will update the website with the officers and chairmen information.

Matthew reported that at this time in 2018 we will be planting trees along the new Highway 43 bike path. All crape myrtles that are uprooted at the I-65 Exit 15 project will be reused along Highway 43. Bike path work will begin next week along the east side of the highway from S Everett to Highway 158. The sidewalk on the other side will continue from its endpoint at Central Church of Christ to Rite Aid. Sidewalks are coming to First Avenue and James Street. The City hopes to eventually get sidewalks from the water tower to Gateway Center. Matthew presented a check to Ron from Alabama Power in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to buy crape myrtles to be planted along Highway 158 where the planting plan has already been approved. This grant must be used 100% for these trees, and no reporting is required. Matthew asks for at least two months' notice before we submit a grant through Alabama Power for next year if we want the trees to go along a state highway (allowing time for ALDOT approval). The deadline for this grant is usually in May.

Janice discussed Christmas parade cleanup using a street sweeper and trash cans along the parade route. Ron will loan barrels for each side of Highway 43 for the Christmas Parade if the City employees will agree to pick them up, dump them, and return them to his business, roughly 40 in total are needed. Janice agreed to pick up contractor bags to go in the barrels. We will print a trash can sign on legal paper to be adhered to the barrels to identify them to parade-goers. We will try the cans this year and see what happens.

Mildred reminded the group that there is no July or December meeting.

Sarah will work with Saraland High School to determine an official date for the Cleanup, and then begin devising a plan. Anyone with cleanup ideas may email them to Sarah so they can be discussed at the November meeting.

With no other business, Jason adjourned the meeting.