

## Keep Saraland Beautiful Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

### Members in Attendance:

Jeanette Greene	Ron Mitchell
Mildred Blass	Susie Baker
Fred Webb	Vicki Cawthon
Janice Harvison	Beverly Jo Jones
Basil Smith	Barbara Sharp

Ron Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. He welcomed guest Tabitha Phillips, Trustmark Bank's new manager. Ron also welcomed Bobby Neese who is the Environmental Officer with the City of Saraland.

Mildred Blass moved to accept November 2019's meeting minutes as presented, and Jeanette Greene seconded.

The Treasurer could not be in attendance, and no Treasurer's Report was presented.

Janice Harvison gave an Executive Director Report. She has not yet contacted the ballpark manager about getting access to our supplies, and she reported meeting a man who lives behind Big Lots who picks up litter in his neighborhood regularly and promised to get him some supplies to help. It was suggested to keep litter pickup supplies in the Chamber's closet for anyone to come get when needed. Janice will ask permission.

Ron gave the President's Report. He will present the KSB annual report to the Mayor and Council at their meeting tonight. He discussed his idea for beautifying Highway 43 with 100 palm trees. He is happy with the 5 palm trees planted at the entrance to the Mobile Industrial Park on Jacintoport Drive as part of Adopt a Spot. He has two methods to pay for new trees: use the Alabama Power grant of \$1,000 annually to plant two professionally, and get the landscaper's best price for bulk buying with individual businesses paying for them along their roadfront.

Bobby Neese gave a Derelict Property Report. Notify him of property that needs attention. His duties include removing signs on the right of way, educating new businesses about signage, and answering complaints. He is dealing with properties on Timothy Street, in Spanish Trace, and on Fortner Street.

Vicki Cawthon gave the Recycling Report. Kim Williams at the Saraland Early Learning Center is not yet ready for their garden spot. Vicki showed a flyer advertising a recycling and cleanup day held by Mobile County and would like it to be posted to the website.

Ron gave the Adopt a Spot report. A meeting was held in December and it was decided to plant dwarf camellias in areas without water. Vitex was suggested, locally known as spice bush.

Barbara Sharp gave the Yard of the Month report. January's is not found yet, and Susie Baker has volunteered to help.

Ron discussed the Grande Oak ceremony. He found out the tree has been declassified as a champion tree but a new inspector is measuring and will recertify it appropriately soon.

Fred Webb gave the Website Report. James Miles' gardening tips will be added soon, and Ron asks that Jackie Benson give Fred the statistics on website views to judge how effective the site is.

### Old Business

The Publix right of way still needs the weeds sprayed/mowed. The Christmas parade trash cans should be left out longer so people can use them after the parade as well as judge how much litter was actually put in the cans.

Mildred made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Fred seconded.