

City Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017 6 PM

CBC Members Attending: Gayle Fisher, Bubba Earnhart, Betsy Davies, Susan Langley, Joyce Brewer, Becky Hight

Staff Attending: Shirley Abel & Dan Scott

The meeting came to order at 6 pm. A quorum was present.

A request from CareLink for \$1027.00 was discussed. Jeremy Adams was present to give a brief update regarding the current garden which was started in 2014 via a City Beautiful grant. This grant request includes plastic boxes on the posts to prevent deterioration due to water issues, mulch for perimeter beds and new spring and fall annuals as well as perennials. Motion by Susan Langley and second by Bubba Earnhart to approve this grant, which passed unanimously.

A request from the Military Heights Outreach Association for \$5558.00 was presented. This request was for funds for playground equipment. After discussion, the commission felt the project did not fall within beautification specifications. It was recommended this organization contact the North Little Rock Parks Department regarding funding. Becky Hight moved to deny this application, Betsy Davies seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Additional information was submitted by Shady Valley which had their grant held over from the July meeting. The request was for \$2000.00. After discussion the application was held again pending a request for more detailed information. Staff was instructed to request a map showing areas to be improved and plant placement details.

The Commission was informed money in the amount of \$5357.00 requested back from the Stone Links Neighborhood Association had been received. Per Karen Scott, NLR Finance Director the funds would be put back into the CB budget. The commission was also informed that Don Chambers has some plans for the McCain median that was discussed at the last meeting.

In general the commission discussed the issue of vacant/foreclosed/condemned houses in the city. Incentives are needed to encourage investors to rebuild on vacant lots. Patio homes for older residents were discussed as a need for in city. It was mentioned a meeting with Mayor Smith is needed to discuss undertaking a NLR Pride initiative of some sort.

Meeting adjourned.

Starting CBC balance	\$16,800
Stone Links returned funds	\$5357.00
CareLink Grant	\$1027.00
Current balance	\$21,130.00