

City Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026 1:30 PM Neighborhood Services Office

Guests: Valerie Boyce and Deanna Montgomery with Friends of the Old Mill

Members: Gayle Fisher, Stephen Hart, Betsy Davies, Bubba Earnhart, Susan Langley

Staff: Dan Scott and Shirley Abel

The meeting came to order at 1:30 pm and a quorum was present. A request from the Friends of the Old Mill for \$ 2,438 was discussed. Plans call for redoing some of the older beds and increasing the use of native plants. The 50th Anniversary of it being a city park is May 24, 2026. A celebration will be held. The 100th Anniversary of the construction of the park will be in August 2033. After discussion, Susan Langley made a motion to approve the \$ 2,438 request. Betsy Davies seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A request from the Master Gardeners working at the Hays Senior Center for \$2,000 was discussed. During discussion, the committee was concerned that the funds requested were not broken down with estimates. The committee would like to see the plants requested and how much they are estimated to cost. The committee also pointed out they don't fund tools and were concerned about the "etc." on the same application line. Staff was instructed to ask the Senior Center for more clarification on the budget request.

Two completion reports for projects had been turned in and were accepted. Gayle Fisher said she would contact Kent Walker and Kenny Stephens to discuss painting more traffic and electrical boxes around the city. The committee is looking to paint two in each ward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Budget:	\$ 25,000
Friends of the Old Mill	<u>- 2,348</u>
Remaining Balance	% 22,562