

# Minutes of Community Pride Committee Meeting

September 19, 2008

3 p.m. City hall

Chairman Judy Hartley opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Members of the committee introduced themselves. Those in attendance were:

Judy Hartley Tara Norback Steve Weyher Ron Hall Chris Ely Gerry Gerhart  
Jon Albert Jeni Albert JoAnn Burdof Joe Breckenridge David Miller Jerry Adams

Judy Hartley discussed the goals of the Committee, both short- term and long term. Short term goals include beautifying the intersections at Highways 65 and 76 that include mowing in between the times that MoDOT mows and landscaping the four islands at the off ramps. Long term would be getting businesses and residents involved and developing an award certification program. Create a Branson the Beautiful Festival in the spring to promote tourism with a focus on the beauty of the area. "We want to beautify the whole city" stated Hartley.

Jerry Adams expressed the importance of just not creating landscaped areas, but keeping them maintained. He stated that according to City Administrator Kruithof, some money will be put in future budgets to help with the maintenance.

One of the short term priorities was also the intersection at Highways 65 and 248. However, MoDOT will begin realigning that intersection that will include a roundabout early next year. Committee holding off until work is complete and we see how MoDOT landscapes it.

Jon Albert and Chris Ely, both of whom operate landscaping businesses in the Branson area, volunteered to landscape the islands with some flowers. Jerry Adams will meet with local MoDOT officials to obtain permission and find out the process to begin the work.

Committee will also revive the Welcome to Branson sign issue. Three committee members said they had seen attractive Welcome to signs in other cities and will contact those cities to get pictures. These signs cannot be on MoDOT property. One area under consideration in Branson is the slope behind Home Depot.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.