

## **Minutes from Community Pride Committee October 13, 2008**

**Present:** Judy Hartley, chairperson; Alderperson Sandra Williams; Tara Norback; Jean Cantwell; Ron Hall; Chris Ely; Scot Cizek; Chris Myer; Jerry Gerhart; Dawn Erickson; Jon Albert; JoAnn Burdof; Larry VanGilder; David Miller; Jerry Adams

Chairperson Hartley called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Committee continues to wait on an agreement from MoDOT with the city of Branson to allow Pride Committee volunteers to mow and landscape MoDOT property at intersections. It has been more than two weeks and MoDOT has not presented an agreement for city to review. Chairman Hartley has asked Representative Dennis Wood to help expedite agreement so work can begin on landscaping islands at Highways 76 and 65.

Jerry Adams reported that Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook has offered to grow flowers in the RecPlex greenhouse that the committee could use for landscaping for future projects.

According to Steve Weyher, local developer Justin Gage has volunteered to provide and deliver the topsoil for the island landscapes when ready for flower planting.

“Welcome to Branson” sign. Committee discussed two possible locations for such a sign. One was on the First Baptist Church property by the U.S. 65 south exit ramp. The other was the green sloped property behind Home Depot. Adams will contact Home Depot about permission to construct a sign there.

Discussion held on creating signs with their own floral arrangements for particular districts within the city – i.e. Entertainment District, Historic Downtown District, and Branson Meadows Shopping District.

Subcommittees formed to plan and concentrate on landscaping and mowing particular areas:

Highway 76 and 65 interchange and islands – Jon Albert, chairman

Welcome sign designs, bids, etc. – Chris Myer, chairman

Highway 65 and Branson Hills Pkway – Tara Norback, chairman

When Welcome Sign committee wants community involvement in sign design, Adams will assist with a news release requesting graphic designers, artists and hobbyists to submit designs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.