

# Community Pride Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Judy Hartley at 1:35 p.m.

Attendees: Committee members Hartley, Jerry Adams, Tara Norback, Jean Cantwell, Larry VanGilder. Visitors included Robert Amos of North American Property; Steve Dunn and David Cissell from MoDOT; Anita Battel.

**Volunteer mowers for Highway 65 and Bee Creek.** Robert Amos of North American Property has volunteered to mow the two east side off-ramp islands at Highway 65 and Bee Creek Rd. in between the times that MoDOT mows, which is four mowings between May and October. Steve Dunn from MoDOT asked Amos if he would be interested in mowing the west sides of the intersection also, because MoDOT would then install a sign recognizing his company as the mowing adopter of the whole intersection. Amos wanted to talk with his employees and further investigate the cost and time of mowing the west sides, and he will contact MoDOT and Branson city Forester Tara Norback who recruited Amos. If he doesn't mow west side, Pride Committee will work to find other volunteers.

**Landscaping island at Highway 76 and Roark Valley Road.** Since MoDOT has received federal stimulus money to put in sidewalks and ADA ramps along Highway 76, Steve Dunn from MoDOT requested that the landscaping of this island be postponed until he learns where the sidewalks will be installed on that island. Committee would still be able to landscape a portion of this island when sidewalk plans are finalized, according to Dunn. Committee agreed to wait.

**Landscaping island at Gretna Road and State Highway 248.** According to David Cissell of MoDOT, that location is not included in the initial working agreement between the city of Branson and MoDOT. Cissell suggested the Committee concentrate on completing and maintaining the city intersections now under the agreement like Highway 76 and U.S. 65. However, VanGilder said public works will keep the grassy island at Gretna and 248 mowed throughout the summer and early fall season.