

Minutes of Community Pride Committee Meeting

February 24, 2009

1:30 p.m. Public Works Boardroom

Chairman Judy Hartley opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Members of the committee in attendance were:

Judy Hartley Tara Norback Ron Hall Chris Myer Gerry Gerhart Chris Ely
JoAnn Burdof Larry VanGilder Sandra Williams Jerry Adams

Visitors: Ben Kinell; David Cissell of MoDOT; Stephanie Stogsdill of MoDOT; Mary Ann Simmons; Gary McLarry-MoDOT Safety Trainer; Tracy Brittain; Jack & Judy Gray; Marsha Whitly; Daniel Harding

Chairperson Hartley introduced the guests, most of whom are from the Branson Master Gardeners group.

Gary McLarry, MoDOT Safety Trainer, gave a short presentation on safety requirements for volunteers working on state property.

Larry VanGilder gave an update on the flower plantings in the islands at highways 76 and 65. The gravel has been removed and some of it spread along the borders of the islands as required by MoDOT. The fill dirt, donated by Justin Gage, is ready to be delivered and mixed with mulch, donated by Hansen Tree Service. Jon Albert of Albert's Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance will be doing the actual planting. However, John has been delayed in planting due to health issues in his immediate family. Larry is staying in touch with Jon and is ready to go when Jon is.

Stephanie Stogsdill of MoDOT told the Committee that a developer is looking at developing the property on the north side of Highway 76 at the northbound 65 exit, which would include extending the exit road through to Courtney St. This is where the Committee would like to put a "Welcome to Branson" sign, but obviously that idea has been put on hold. Stephanie said MoDOT has requested more information and plans from the developer. So far, MoDOT has not heard back from the developer.

Chris Myer gave an update on the "Welcome to Branson" signs along north and south U.S. 65. Still working with MoDOT on finding suitable locations. It was agreed by the Committee that the BLACC/CVB "B" logo would be used on the signs as that is Branson's brand.

No date was set for the next meeting, but Judy and Jerry Adams will notify members and public when a date and time in March is set.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.