PELHAM BEAUTIFICATION BOARD MEETING

September 6, 2011

A meeting of the Pelham Beautification Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Betsy Whitfield at City Hall on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Present were board members, Betsy Whitfield, Jean Wagner, Maurice Mercer, Mosley Johnson, Gwen Kaminski. Paula Holly was also present as liaison. Board members absent were Neville Peacock, Nancy English, Darlene Webb and Jeff Speegle.

ROLL CALL

It was determined that a quorum was present in order to conduct business.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The nominee for the Business of the Month Award is Verizon at the corner of 119 & Hwy 31. The nominees for Residence of the month are 207 Ivy Brook Trail and 704 Wilderness Road. Ms. Wagner volunteered to take a photo of 704 Wilderness Road and email it to the remaining board members. It was discussed that the possibility of voting via email would work and help with everyone getting out to see the properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Expiring Terms for Members and Reappointments

Mr. Mercer, Ms. Kaminski and Mr. Speegle's terms expire on September 30, 2011. The Mayor has requested they be reappointed to the Board. Each one agreed to serve again and their terms will expire on September 30, 2014.

Election of Officers

The current slate of officers is as follows:

President	Betsy Whitfield
Vice-President	Jean Wagner
Secretary	Vacant

The proposed slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year is as follows:

President	Maurice Mercer
Vice-President	Jean Wagner
Secretary	Vacant

The proposed slate of officers was unanimously elected. It was requested that Ms. Holly take meeting minutes until the Secretary position is filled.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting was discussed. Ornament selection will be done at the October meeting. Mr. Mercer to contact Junior Davis for pricing options, Ms. Peacock will oversee decorations for the stage. Ms. Holly will contact Grebel Dance regarding Nutcracker performers in costume to assist with welcoming. Board Members will welcome and distribute ornaments to guests.

Additionally notification regarding Christmas Light Judging will go in the October and November magazines.

Proposal for Additional Funds

Mr. Mosley presented an idea for a Beautification Board Project on behalf of Ms. Peacock involving hanging baskets at appropriate places on HWY 31 to help spruce up the look of Pelham. (Similar to Old Town Helena)

All funding requests must be made by July 15th in writing to the City Council.

Other Business

Discussion was held regarding the current blight ordinance and what could be done about some of the vacant businesses in the city. The idea of letters from the board was offered. Addresses will be gathered and forwarded to the Compliance Officer in the Pelham Police Department for enforcement.

It was also discussed about having a "Pride in Pelham" type spotlight focusing on the work done by different employees that enhance the city.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Holly
Beautification Board Liaison