

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission**

January 15, 2019  
Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room  
115 N. Poplar St.

The Aberdeen Appearance & Beautification Commission (ABC) met on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. The meeting was held in the Town Hall conference room. Members Present were Dene Moon, Teresa Beavers, Elease Goodwin, Amanda Robbins and Chairperson Janet Peele. Members not in attendance were Dale Streicker and Eldiweiss Lockey. Staff members in attendance were Planning Director Justin Westbrook, Senior Planner Kathy Blake, and Administrative Assistance Megan Henderson. Lunch was provided by Amanda Robbins.

1. Call to Order

Janet Peele called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes for:

a. November 20, 2018

A motion was made by Chairperson Peele, seconded by Goodwin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

3. Landscaping Beds and Planters

a. Calendar for beautification, maintenance, and planting schedule

ABC members looked over the schedule/calendar for Jim Brinkman's landscaping agenda for 2019.

b. Map of planting bed locations, Recommendations for preferred plantings & quantities

Planner Blake stated she would like more pansies in front of Town Hall. Ms. Peele suggested asking Jim to thicken plantings.

Ms. Peele suggested taking a map of the Town, drawing the beds and their locations, and assigning what should be placed in each bed. Ms. Robbins suggested numbering them and keeping a binder of what bed contains what

plant. Ms. Robbins volunteered to take on that task of creating a binder with the maps and bed numbers and presenting it at February's meeting. The group will discuss what goes in each bed at the next meeting, as well as irrigation needs and pricing. Director Westbrook stated the budget will be reliant upon the pricing of the upcoming mural. We will have a more clear understanding of what is left over for the ABC budget after then. Ms. Peele stated it should be around \$15 to \$18 for every 36 plants. The price will be based on the size of the bed and what specific plant is going in it. Ms. Peele recommended that each bed have a higher quantity of plants in order to make them look fuller. Ms. Peele would also like to see cleaner city limit signs. Ms. Robbins volunteered to assist Jim in landscaping efforts, along with potential volunteers from her neighborhood. Ms. Peele suggested using eggshell compost for the plantings.

Ms. Robbins asked about the intersection of Highway 15-501 and US-1 looking really messy with the crepes. Planner Blake stated that the intersection is a DOT road and out of the Town's control.

Ms. Goodwin suggested putting American flags out for every event in the town, outside of what the Lion's Club does. Ms. Beavers reminded the group that lights would be required for each flag if we chose to do that.

Director Westbrook suggested using this year's plans and budget as an outline for next year. We have only spent \$2,000 out of a \$20,000 budget thus far and Jim Brinkman's salary does not come out of that budget. Per Planner Gallimore's conservative estimate, the mural will cost roughly \$10,000. Ms. Robbins stated that if we maybe take what we can of this year's budget and make 4 or 5 planters look phenomenal, perhaps next year's budget would be increased if there is a visible example of what the ABC is actually doing. Director Westbrook stated he would like some sort of plan to present to the Board of Commissioners when asking about next year's budget in order to justify whatever amount is being requested.

#### 4. Downtown Projects Updates

Ms. Peele reminded the Commission about Ms. Goodwin's request to move the historic looking concrete lamp posts along N. Poplar St. to somewhere in the Downtown area, as they are part of old Aberdeen. They are on private property currently. Director Westbrook stated we need to be careful of railroad right-of-way and easements with regards to placement of those concrete posts.

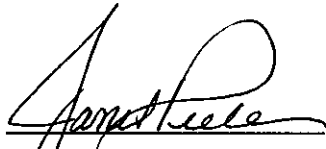
The group discussed revamping our Christmas decorations for next year. They compared prices of different lighting styles. Planner Blake showed the group pictures of hanging garland with lights to go across a street of the group's choosing. Ms. Peele suggested placing one over Main St. with a lighted angel on each side.

Ms. Robbins asked about a Veteran's park in Aberdeen. Ms. Peele said there is already one at Legion Hut.

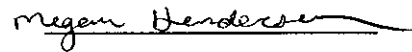
5. Other Business

- a. Megan Henderson administered the Oath of Office to Teresa Beavers.
- b. Next Meeting Date: February 19th, 2019
  - i. Lunch will be provided by Janet Peele.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Janet Peele, Chairperson  
Minutes were approved on  
February 19, 2019



Megan Henderson, Administrative Asst.  
Minutes were completed  
in draft form on January 16, 2019