

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1001 IDLEWILD AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, MAY 09, 2024 – 6:30 PM



MINUTES

Call to Order 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Charles Sohm, Secretary Lesley Davidson, Janey Fox, Pamela Lewis, Kevin Hurley, Daniel Nichols, Teresa Crockett, Lynn Powers, and Cheryl Starnes.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GUESTS: None

Chairman to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Discussion and approval of CAC meeting minutes for April 2024. Beautification Subcommittee meeting minutes were not distributed and were, thus, not approved at this date.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. Beautification Subcommittee update:
 - a. Pam Lewis reviewed the April Beautification Subcommittee meeting and gave an update on the status of the historic 1880 Judge Thomas Judson Rivers house at 219 Spring Street. The city has issued another RFP for contractor bids. The open house was well attended and all contractors that attended stated that the house was a good and a good candidate for restoration. One bid was received by the city. Contractors mentioned that bidding was difficult as there was no definitive phases or scope of work in the RFP. Adrian Thibault (son of the original baker on Walnut Street) offered to provide photographs of the house. Dan Nichols reported that Bourre Construction had a bid to present at 3pm but were told bids were due at 2pm (rather than end of day 5pm).
 - b. The committee has determined that the businesses along Palmetto, like Darren's Auto, are being very conscientious of the new sidewalk trail and are not obstructing the sidewalk, but some owner/tenants on the south side of SR16 are parking on the sidewalk.
 - c. Update on the city owned parcels between Walnut/Palmer and Magnolia/St. Johns AKA Spring Park North. The Beautification Subcommittee recommended that the city take a tree survey of the large trees on the parcels and overlay the proposed parking lot plan in order to provide alternatives in order to save the trees.
3. Old Business. Pam Lewis reported that she contacted the town of Orange Park about the electric box wraps. The wraps that the town of Orange Park have were made/installed by Paul Regal and cost approximately \$1k-\$1.5K depending on size. After discussion regarding whether the city or

- donors could buy one and let people see if they like them, Kevin offered to champion the issue and ask the city if there is a person or department that handles art in public facilities/spaces.
4. Dan Nichols stated that the parking lot of the shopping center where Ace Hardware and other tenants are located is very dirty again and trash is being swept to the side of US17.
 5. New Business. Kevin Hurley and Lesley Davidson mentioned that several property owners along Ferris have asked them about city grants as the city has reached out to several residents. Cheryl Starnes mentioned that Janey Fox has experience writing grants. Janey Fox stated she wrote grants for the VIA to receive a matching grant for their recent renovation. Kevin Hurley will follow up with Mike Null regarding a status on the grant situation and budgeted grant writer position from FY23-24.
 6. Kevin Hurley mentioned that he has seen plans for the renovation of the Gustafson House on Walnut Street. The plan, by Brian Knight, is to make a 'restaurant row' along the 500 block of Walnut Street including the historic Ma and Pa (Frank and Agnes) Gustafson House.
 7. Janey Fox mentioned that Mike Daniels will be speaking to the next Green Cove Springs Business League on May 21, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Village Improvement Association (VIA) at Palmetto and Palmer Streets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Lesley J. Davidson, PE, Secretary, CAC



Charles Sohm, Chairman, CAC