

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BEAUTIFICATION/TREE BOARD MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH  
JULY 7, 2008**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The meeting of the Beautification Committee/Tree Board was held on Monday, July 7, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members present:

J.T. Edwards, Chairman; Nick Barlotta; Karyn Coleman; Catherine Howton

Absent: Michael Jimmerson (unexcused)

Also Present: Toni Craig, City Attorney; Andy Corbin, Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Nick Barlotta as the newest member of the Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ms. Coleman moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008. Ms. Howton seconded motion and it carried unanimously with Barlotta, Edwards, Coleman, and Howton in favor (Jimmerson absent).**

**PRESENTATION—SUNSHINE LAW**

Toni Craig, City Attorney, presented a brief overview on the Sunshine Law.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS—BEAUTIFICATION 5K RUN**

Andy Corbin of the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club discussed the possibility of the Committee combining forces with the Rotary Club for a Half-Marathon on November 1. Mr. Corbin explained that he and the Chairman became acquainted through the Rotary, and they have discussed the possibility of joining forces for a 5K Half Marathon in the Fort Walton Beach area. Mr. Corbin stated the Rotary has a lot of support to lend to the Committee if they are interested in this venture, and that he has a route chosen but that can be negotiated as well.

The Chairman noted that the Rotary received a grant to improve the Sound Property, and is active in the community as a whole.

Discussion included that the Rotary would split the proceeds with the Committee, if not giving them more, and Mr. Corbin stated the money is out there and there should not be a problem in getting a lot of runners, and he thinks it would be a successful venture for the Committee.

Ms. Coleman asked about sponsors, stating the Committee has some potential sponsors. Mr. Corbin advised there will be a lot of built-in sponsors through the Rotary, and the Committee can go ahead with their sponsorship as well.

Discussion included police participation, and the Chairman advised the Club hasn't gotten to that point yet. Mr. Corbin discussed potential routes; one in the City beginning at Yacht Club and winding around the neighborhood; the other route that Mr. Corbin prefers is going to the Destin Bridge and back. He noted the Rotary would check on County involvement for the route.

Consensus of the Committee was that this was an excellent idea and would like to pursue it.

The Committee thanked Mr. Corbin.

**BEAUTIFICATION 5K RUN (CONT)**

The City Attorney advised that if the Committee is planning on using the City's police force for security, it would be wise to go before Council and request that in-kind contribution. She also advised that the City Clerk coordinates many of the parades and festivals and to get with her since the City is in the budget process right now.

The Chairman asked if the run is held in the County, who would be responsible for contacting the Sheriff's Department. The City Attorney advised she agrees with Mr. Corbin that the Rotary would handle that aspect.

**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS (APRIL/MAY/JUNE)**

The awards for April/May/June were awarded at 237 Coral Drive and 12 Destin Drive NW, and that pictures were taken by Cam Johnson, the City's Public Information Officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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