

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
LAKE CITY/COLUMBIA COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 8, 2008**

MINUTES

There was a Special Called meeting of the Lake City/Columbia County Beautification Committee held on January 8, 2008, located at the Columbia County Annex Building, located at 135 Northeast Hernando Avenue and beginning at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Betty Lane, Chairman
James Montgomery, Citizen
Elizabeth Porter, County Commissioner
Karl Burkhardt, Lake City Journal.Com
Harvey Campbell, Tourist Development Council
Thomas Henry, Recreation Department
Audre Washington, Lake City Citizen's Advocate
Alex Hinely, Lake City Assistant City Manager
Captain Bruce Charles, Sergeant-at-arms

Absent: Faye Bowling-Warren, Citizen
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
Scott Reynolds, Lake City City Manager
Kenneth Witt, citizen
Ian Rodriguez, Lake City Community College

I. Call to order

Ms. Bettye Lane called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

II. Florida Arbor Day

All members concurred to hold the 2008 Florida Arbor Day at 11:00 a.m. on January 18, 2008. The dedication ceremony will take place in front of the gazebo at Olustee Park with the planting of the trees to follow at a later date. This year's honorees will be Mr. Raymond Macatee and Mr. Alfonso Levy. Members discussed planting the trees for Mr. Macatee at Lake City Middle School and for Mr. Levy at Niblack Elementary School.

III. Program

Ms. Lane outlined the course of the previous year program for this year's program. Ms. Lane stated Nick Harwell with the City would be printing the program. The cover of the program will showcase the annual winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Mr. Burkhardt will provide the biographical information and photos for the program to Ms. Washington. Members concurred to the following items for the program: Ms. Porter will open with the Welcome; Mr. Montgomery will provide the Invocation; Mayor Witt will read and present a proclamation; Mr. Burkhardt would again provide some comments regarding trees; Mr. Montgomery will provide the Dedication Comments for Mr. Levy and Mr. Burkhardt will provide the comments for Mr. Macatee; and the Thanks and Closing Remarks will be done by Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Lane.

Ms. Lane suggested contacting the family members of the honorees and inviting them to the dedication ceremony by invitation rather than via the newspaper.

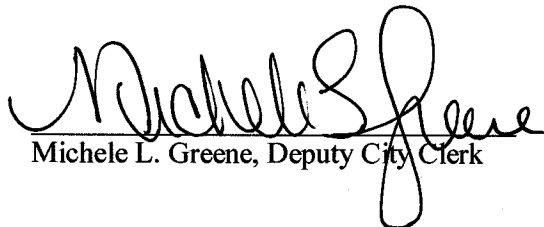
IV. Publicity

In lieu of the shoveling ceremony, members concurred to present the honorees with a copy of the proclamation at the dedication ceremony. Ms. Lane asked for Ms. Washington to look into the updating of the proclamation as discussed as well as a resolution for Florida Arbor Day. Ms. Porter offered to provide the plaques to place the proclamations to be handed to the honorees. Members concurred to have Mayor Witt and Ms. Bowling-Warren present the proclamations.

Members discussed having publicity sent out ahead of time by the Lake City Reporter and Mr. Burkhart with the Lake City Journal.com. Members discussed running announcements on the radio and having the Lake City Reporter at the event to cover as well. Ms. Lane stated she will see into provided an announcement for the library cable channel.

V. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.



Michele L. Greene, Deputy City Clerk