

**KEEP DUNCANVILLE BEAUTIFUL BOARD  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE – ZOOM  
 203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD  
 DECEMBER 20, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board was held in person and via videoconference on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to wit:

Mary Ann Taylor	Chairperson	Present
Liz Smith	Vice Chairperson	Present
Alice Arnold	Board Member	Present
Yerahi Cruz	Board Member	Present
Jose Perales	Board Member	Present
J. Reece Edwards	Board Member	Present
Diane Dillard	Board Member	Present
Jim Gilbert	Board Member	Present
Gale Sliger	Board Member	Absent
Sylvia Clark	Board Member	Absent
Timothy Hamilton	Staff Liaison	Present

The regular meeting held in person and via videoconference was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Taylor.

**Item No. 1 – Receive public comments, limit 2-minutes per individual speaker:**

Mark Graham (410 S. Santa Fe Trl.) – Mr. Graham invited the Board to visit Ten Mile Creek on the Ladd property (609 W. Daniieldale Rd.), which has been given to the City of Duncanville and noted its need for cleanup.

Jim Jones (1627 Knob Hill Cir.) – Mr. Jones passed out flyers with pictures of the Ladd property and advocated for keeping it as a nature preserve.

Councilmember Jeremy Koontz (226 Creekwood Ct.) – Councilmember Koontz expressed his appreciation to the Board for all their work. He went on to comment on agenda item #5, the discussion of Duncanville landscape ordinances and allowances for different landscape concepts.

Erika Browning (442 E. Cherry St.) – Mrs. Browning spoke on the Ladd property and commented that there several uses for the land that would be great assets to the community other than development and that would be helpful to the wellness of the community.

Patricia Ebert (115 S. Greenstone Ln.) – Ms. Ebert requested that the Board consider efforts to plant more trees in the community and most especially our city parks and communicate this need to the Parks Board.

**Item No. 2 – Introduction of new KDB board members:**

Chair Taylor welcomed new board member Gilbert and asked if he could introduce himself to the board. Board member Gilbert stated that he had been a Duncanville resident since 2008 and hopes to be an asset to the board. He enjoys the beauty of the trees and the community. New board member Sliger was not in attendance.

**Item No. 3 – Consider approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 15, 2021:**

Chair Taylor asked if everyone had time to read over the November 15, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by board member Perales to accept the minutes as written; a second was made by board member Cruz. A vote was taken with a unanimous approval of 8 for and 0 opposed.

**Item No. 4 – Nominate and elect board chairperson and vice-chairperson:**

Chair Taylor requested nominations for board chairperson and vice-chairperson. A nomination was received for board member Liz Smith as vice-chairperson and elected unanimously 8-0. Nominations were received for Diane Dillard and Mary Ann Taylor as chairperson. Board member Dillard declined the nomination for chairperson. Chair Taylor accepted the chairperson nomination and was elected unanimously 8-0.

**Item No. 5 – Discuss Duncanville landscape ordinances in consideration of beautification ideas:**

SL Hamilton introduced Jeremy Tennant, Neighborhood Services Manager. SL Hamilton went on to read from Ordinance No. 2167, Sec. 5-38 and Ordinance No. 1843, Sec. 12-48. SL Hamilton then asked Mr. Tennant to provide a summary and explanation regarding these specific ordinances. After some board discussion, board members Dillard, Gilbert, Edwards, and Chair Taylor volunteered to meet as a sub-committee to come up with some ideas and

**Item No. 6 – Discuss the 2022 Litter Survey to be conducted January 8, 2022:**

SL Hamilton stated that the 2022 Litter Survey is scheduled for January 8, 2022 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm leaving from the Duncanville Recreation Center. SL Hamilton requested for board members to respond to the calendar appointment that was sent out via Outlook Calendar to confirm attendance.

**Item No. 7 – Discuss the Community Clean-up/MLK Day of Service event to be held January 17, 2022:**

Chair Taylor shared that the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is Monday, January 17, 2022 and it is an opportunity to serve. Chair Taylor went on to share the document of service opportunities that featured some online as well as in-person opportunities. SL Hamilton shared that there is a Community Clean-up also scheduled on January 17, 2022 at Lakeside Park from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

**Item No. 8 – Discuss the KDB Annual Garden Workshop to be held March 12, 2022:**

SL Hamilton stated that the KDB Annual Garden Workshop is currently scheduled for March 12, 2022. He went on to share that the Dallas County Master Gardeners are not currently meeting in person so the event may need to feature speakers on Zoom. Board member Arnold suggested considering the Armstrong Amphitheater as a possibility because outdoors is a safer location in consideration of the pandemic. SL Hamilton stated that he would get with Dallas County Master Gardeners to explore possible options.

**Item No. 9 – Receive staff report/updates:**

SL Hamilton shared that he would begin the 2022 GCAA application process with KTB when it opens on January 4, 2022. He also updated the board that beautification options will be presented to City Council soon for the expenditure of the 2021 GCAA award of \$210,000 to Duncanville. SL Hamilton also shared that Chair Taylor had recorded a PSA and that there was opportunity for other board members to participate in the production of other PSAs at Duncanville High School. This project is a partnership with Duncanville ISD and its students.

A motion for adjournment was made by board member Edwards and seconded by Vice Chair Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

  
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Timothy Hamilton, Staff Liaison

  
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Mary Ann Taylor, Chairperson