

Minutes
Biloxi Beautification Commission
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026; 11 a.m.
Biloxi City Hall, City Council room

In attendance

- **Commissioners:** Lara Bernich Alley, Stacey Eleuterius Barber, Susan Cain, Vincent Creel and James McClendon. Roll taken by Chair Alley; quorum established.
- **Others present:** Councilman Jamie Creel.

Agenda approved, with properly motioned, seconded, by acclamation.

Minutes of Dec. 12, 2025 meeting approved without revision. Properly motioned, seconded, by acclamation.

Comments from commissioners

Commissioner Cain welcomed all members.

Comments from Public

None.

Business

- **Keep America Beautiful.** On the issue of Biloxi becoming an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful/Keep Mississippi Beautiful, as recommended by Harrison County Beautification Commission, Commissioner Barber said teleconference with KAB/KMB is set for Jan. 28 at noon, when benefits and responsibilities would be discussed. Action tabled pending update.
- **Comprehensive Beautification Plan and formal adoption programs.** On the issue of creating a comprehensive municipal beautification plan (one of the charges of the commission), Commissioners will seek input from their respective councilman to identify public spaces for adoption and/or beautification. Plan could also include 10 to 12 high profile public locations, with suggested improvements and conceptual designs. Businesses, individuals or groups could adopt location, after committing to plan.
- **Fred Haise.** Project to restore Moonwalk and re-christen the area surrounding the statue as “Fred Haise Landing & Lighthouse Pier” is awaiting update from Harrison County regarding sidewalk stabilization. Re-christening and unveiling of enhanced moonwalk could take place Saturday, April 11, at 1:13 p.m., anniversary of Apollo liftoff in 1970. Ceremony could be part of the nation’s 250th anniversary of the Declaration of



Independence. Commissioner Creel was authorized to assemble potential budget and funding sources and report to commission, which would then vote on whether to present recommendation and plan to City Council. City Administration and county notified of proposed work in the meantime.

- **Christmas decorations.** Chair Alley will seek info on current city Christmas decorations.
- **Calendar of Events.** Awaiting calendar from Harrison County Beautification Commission.
- **Ex-officio:** After discussion, commissioners agreed that no ex-officio members would be suggested or appointed at this time. Ordinance allows Beautification Commission to add ex-officio members as needed.

Etc.

Councilman Jamie Creel updated commission on several initiatives:

- It has been suggested that Beautification superintendent in the Parks & Recreation Department regularly update commission on existing beautification efforts.
- Harrison County Supervisor Dan Cuevas, County Administrator Bobby Trosclair and Sand Beach Director Trey McKnight have all expressed support for the Fred Haise moonwalk project, and all cautioned that the sidewalk stabilization work and replenishment of the sand beach would also be taking place in that area in several weeks. After county work is complete, artist Lucinda Perniciaro L'Enfant would need 13 days to complete restoration of 144-foot Moonwalk and connecting Apollo 13 mural. Project was also announced at Jan. 20 City Council meeting.
- Work continues to identify an appropriate location for a Biloxi Beautification Fund, where businesses, groups or individuals can make tax-deductible donations to Biloxi's beautification efforts. Once the fund is established, the commission would help with fundraising efforts. The fund would support the comprehensive beautification plan and other beautification efforts.

Next meeting date: Feb. 4, 11 a.m. Biloxi City Hall. Open to public.

Meeting adjourned before noon.

FYI: 2026 scheduled meetings: Jan. 7 and 21, Feb 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17. July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16.

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Submitted by Vincent Creel, secretary, Biloxi Beautification Commission