

Minutes
Biloxi Beautification Commission
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026
11 a.m.
Biloxi City Hall, City Council room

In attendance

- **Commissioners:** Lara Bernich Alley, Stacey Eleuterius Barber, Vincent Creel, James McClendon and Connie Rockco. Roll taken by Chair Alley; quorum established.
- **Others present:** Councilmen Jamie Creel and Paul Tisdale, CAO Rick Weaver, City Attorney Peter Abide, Bobby Gillon of Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation.

Agenda approved, with properly motioned, seconded, 6-0 vote.

Minutes of Jan. 21, 2026 meeting approved without revision. Properly motioned, seconded, 6-0 vote.

Comments from commissioners

- Chair Alley reported meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Jamie Lee, who suggested commission could help with volunteers, serviced hours, identifying projects in respective wards or neighborhood parks.
- Commissioner Creel met with his councilmen, Paul Tisdale, and obtained areas in and near Ward 5 for adopting, for inclusion as part of comprehensive beautification plan.

Comments from Public

- Councilman Creel and Attorney Abide introduced Bobby Gillon of the Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation who suggested the commission and foundation board could establish a framework for businesses or individuals to make tax-deductible donations for a beautification fund. Attorney Abide said otherwise the process to establish a non-profit would cost \$900 and take six months to complete.

Business

- **Keep America Beautiful.** On the issue of Biloxi becoming an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful/Keep Mississippi Beautiful, after report from Jan. 29 teleconference, it was decided to table the idea, subject to call, and continue working through Harrison County affiliate program. 6-0 vote.
- **Fred Haise Landing:** Harrison County is expected to award a contract shortly to repair the compromised areas of the sidewalk. Work is expected to be completed by March 20, allowing Moonwalk artist to complete mural by April 11, the anniversary of Apollo 13 liftoff, when area could be rechristened Fred Haise Landing as

America250 event. Grant requests expected to be completed this week and forwarded to Biloxi City Council and Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

- **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 suggest that we have a workshop to discuss in detail on Feb 18, immediately after our regular meeting.

Etc.

- Commissioner Rockco was asked to obtain a calendar of events from Harrison County Beautification Commission
- Commissioners discussed attending Biloxi Tree Committee Meetings. Councilman Tisdale and Bobby Gillon strongly suggested attending Tree Committee meetings for partnership opportunities, especially involving tree mitigation fund.

Next meeting date: Feb. 18, 11 a.m. Biloxi City Hall. Open to public.

Meeting adjourned 12:18 p.m.

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 Stacey Eleuterius Barber, vice chair, Biloxi Beautification Commission

Vincent Creel, secretary, Biloxi Beautification Commission