

Minutes
Biloxi Beautification Commission
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026
11 a.m.
Biloxi City Hall, City Council room

In attendance

- **Commissioners:** Lara Bernich Alley, Stacey Eleuterius Barber, Susan Cain and Vincent Creel. Roll taken by Chair Alley; quorum established.
- **Others present:** Councilmen Kenny Glavan, Paul Tisdale and Jamie Creel, CAO Rick Weaver, City Attorney Peter Abide.

Agenda approved, with properly motioned, seconded, 4-0 vote.

Minutes of Feb. 4, 2026 meeting approved without revision. Properly motioned, seconded, 4-0 vote.

Comments from commissioners

- Chair Alley reported a project is in the works to pressure wash playground equipment at Margaret Sherry Library playground.
- Commissioner Cain noted that city's key entrances in Ward 1 need to continue to be inviting and welcoming.

Comments from Public

- No comments.

Business

- **Fred Haise Landing:** Awaiting word on sidewalk stabilization before proceeding further with project.
- **Calendar.** Commission members are compiling a calendar of beautification events, which will be posted online. Awaiting word on Harrison County Beautification calendar.

Meeting adjourned 11:26 a.m., with brief recess before beginning workshop.

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Biloxi Beautification Commission
Comprehensive Beautification Plan Workshop
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, after regular meeting
Biloxi City Hall, City Council room

In attendance

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

Subject of meeting was to discuss first draft of the City of Biloxi Comprehensive Beautification Plan. The plan, which is mandated in the ordinance that created the Beautification Commission, has been formulated after four months of twice-monthly meetings of the commission and after reviewing similar plans provided by Commissioner Rockco and others.

Comments:

- Commissioner Creel said several areas of the draft still need to be added: Brief summaries of existing ordinances involving grass height, trash-can pickup, city beautification responsibilities. Also to be inserted: A list of potential adoption medians, roadways and sites; safety guidelines; and adoption agreement forms (city currently has hold-harmless agreements for two locations, White House fountain and Todd Miguez Park).
- Councilman Glavan suggested that “interlocals” be added under Funding, to include Harrison County. Councilman Glavan also suggested mitigation fund be included under Funding. As a result of the suggestion, “city/county/state/grants” and “city mitigation fund” have been added under funding.
- Chair Alley wants to present draft to City Council for initial review. In addition, public review and input are needed.

The initial draft of the plan:

Draft 2-17-2026

City of Biloxi

Comprehensive Beautification Plan

The City of Biloxi Comprehensive Beautification Plan is intended to guide the beautification of public and private properties and thoroughfares in Biloxi, to create a mindset among the Biloxi populace that says “Beautification is more than just picking up litter and planting flowers. It’s about instilling shared values with a goal of making a community inviting.”

This plan provides the framework to achieve those goals.

The plan incorporates four key components:

1. Beautification, how to.

- a. Define basic expectations (existing ordinances regarding height of grass, trash pick up, sidewalk care, storm grates, etc.)
- b. Provide list of native species and best practices for flower beds in private, public and/or commercial businesses.

2. Adoption programs

a. Medians/roads/streets (planting, maintaining or litter-pick up)

- a. Adopt and maintain a six-block stretch (or more), including both sides of the street.
- b. Serve as a volunteer in this program for at least two years.
- c. Agree to pick up litter at least four times per year.
- d. Agree to abide by all safety rules and guidelines.
- e. In coordination with the Beautification Commission, the City will:
 - A. provide official safety vests, gloves, trash bags and “Workers Ahead” traffic safety signs

- B. install an Adopt-a-Roadway sign displaying the name of the adopting group
- f. Provide safety rules and guidelines.
- g. Remove litter bags after pick up at pre-arranged locations.
- b. Sites (parks, high-profile landmarks)**
 - a. Adopt the entire median or other area.
 - b. Agree to maintain it during all seasons.
 - c. Provide a plan on what will be placed in the area, including plantings, mulch, groundcover or landscaping materials.
 - d. Provide and install, at your own cost, any plantings and other materials and provide for ongoing upkeep.
 - e. Clean the area at least four times a year, including litter cleanup and removal of dead plants and leaves. Additionally, incorporate Christmas decorations in the area from Thanksgiving to after first of the year.
 - f. Properly dispose of all waste vegetation, materials and litter.

3. Anti-litter campaigns

- a. Organized volunteer clean-ups
- b. Educational media PSAs

4. Private and public funding

- a. Sponsorships
- b. Donations
- c. City/county/state/grants
- d. City mitigation fund

Adoption programs

Who can adopt a median

Individuals
 Businesses
 Families
 Civic groups
 Church groups
 School groups (with proper supervision)
 Organizations

How it works

- The plan includes various locations, possible renderings of flower bed treatments, suggested plantings, etc. Is water available at site?
- Adopters would review options available and review the list of responsibilities before deciding plan of action.
- Adopters must agree to all terms and conditions, safety guidelines and waivers.