

Minutes
Biloxi Beautification Commission
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
11 a.m.
Biloxi City Hall, City Council room

In attendance

- **Commissioners:** Chair Lara Bernich Alley, Stacey Eleuterius Barber, Susan Cain, and Vincent Creel. Roll taken by Chair Alley; quorum established.
- **Others present:** Ward 5 Councilmember Paul Tisdale, City Attorney Peter Abide, Parks & Recreation Director Jamie Lee, and Ward 6 resident Rhett Taylor.

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

Minutes from April 1, 2026 meeting reviewed and approved, properly motioned, seconded, 4-0 vote.

Comments from commissioners

- Commissioner Barber provided video of Fred Haise at Mardi Gras 1999, for use in the upcoming Beautification video. Sincerest thanks to Bobby Eleuterius and his tremendous archives!
- Commissioner Creel reminded commissioners that this was only our 10th meeting since the four of us were appointed five months ago. We'd taken part in cleanups, launched a public education campaign in all Biloxi homes and businesses, thanks to the city newsletter, and on Tuesday, City Council will be receiving our proposed beautification plan and voting on Fred Haise Landing, and we've already identified a \$5,000 sponsorship from an outside source. Things are moving.

Comments from Public

- Councilman Tisdale said that commission should continue to provide updates at City Council meetings, maybe three or four times a year.
- City Attorney Abide updated a downtown Biloxi property issue.
- Parks & Recreation Director Jamie Lee agreed that post-Katrina, the Beautification Division was not a priority. Today, Beautification Division has two employees and a water truck. Work is primarily downtown, and first priority is keeping grass cut throughout the city, supporting Streets & Drainage in cutting ROW and supporting Parks & Rec in cutting parks. Director Lee added that volunteers were important and he would be as supportive as possible of beautification plans.

Business/updates

- **Fred Haise Landing:** On Tuesday, City Council votes on the measure to designate area south of the Biloxi Lighthouse as Fred Haise Landing and authorize commission to seek and secure funding for project, which would include restoration of the Moonwalk and proper signage. Introduced by Councilmember Jamie Creel.
- **Comprehensive Beautification Plan:** Council is expected to formally receive document at its meeting on Tuesday. Introduced by Councilmember Jamie Creel.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m., Biloxi City Hall, second floor.

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