

Beautification Committee Meeting – February 2026

Cleanup routes, supply orders, and budget updates

Discussion:

1. Introductions and General Updates

The meeting opened with Mark Burgdorf greeting the attendees, including Dave (iPhone), Libby, Sophia (on iPhone), and Cheryl. They shared casual conversation about personal matters such as a neighbor moving out, Pat's recovering health issues, and quiet developments around their neighborhood. They then transitioned into discussing the upcoming weekend's cleanup and the need for volunteers.

2. Budget and Finances

The group discussed the Beautification Committee's remaining funds. Dave mentioned that they have \$650 left in the Beautification line item. Mark referenced recent purchases of large orange (55-gallon, 2-mil) and blue (39-gallon, 1.5-mil) trash bags, with past orders around \$543 or sometimes up to \$600–\$763 if ordering five or more cases of each. Mark proposed that the committee wait until March to place another order for additional orange and blue trash bags so that any donated items from Lowe's can be factored into the quantity needed. Barb, the finance manager, typically handles the ordering, and she was not present during this discussion.

3. Donations and Supplies

Sophia provided an update that Lowe's in Belvo will donate contractor-grade black trash bags, gloves, and possibly some additional supplies. Each roll of donated black bags should have around 25 bags, and Lowe's is donating about six rolls. These 55-gallon bags will help supplement the shortage of orange and blue bags, which are running low. The committee also mentioned the potential donation of litter pickers.

4. Cleanup Routes and Routes Coordination

There was a detailed review of key problem areas in the city needing attention: between Walgreens and Fazoli's, White Castle, the Best Buy fence, the Starbucks retaining pond area, and along Ashland Road near Krispy Kreme and the school. Mark noted the route from Old Collinsville Road to Frank Scott Parkway, Longacre, and Melinda were also of concern. He suggested specific pairings of volunteers to tackle each area. John Hayes and Chad may collaborate to clean up parts of Frank Scott Parkway. The group acknowledged that the melted snow has revealed significant amounts of trash.

5. Upcoming Meetings

The committee confirmed the next cleanup date would remain as scheduled for that upcoming Saturday. However, Mark announced he would be out of town due to a wedding in Tampa in mid-March. The group tentatively decided to meet on March 10 to finalize supply orders and route planning for future cleanup events. Dave would lead the cleanup effort in Mark's absence, and Libby confirmed her availability on some upcoming dates though not all.

6. Former Mayor Langston

Libby announced that former mayor Langston had recently passed away. The committee members expressed their condolences and reflected upon his history of service, describing him as a man devoted to the city.

To Dos:

1. (Dave) Pick up existing supplies (trash bags and shirts) from Mark's front porch for Saturday's cleanup.
2. (Dave) Coordinate volunteer coverage for all key routes on the upcoming cleanup day.
3. (Sophia) Confirm the final counts and pick-up date for donated black contractor bags and gloves from Lowe's.
4. (Cheryl) Check in with Bob to confirm if he needs a ride for the cleanup.
5. (Barb) Place an order for new orange (55-gallon) and blue (39-gallon) bags in March, confirming exact quantities and cost against the \$650 budget.
6. (Mark) Provide Dave with an updated routes list for volunteer coordination.

Routes:

Walgreen to Fazoli's

Walgreen to the Old Cheddars and back

Walgreen to White Castle

Walgreens to Schnucks (Bob)

Melinda and Star Buck area (i.e. charging station and pond)

Best Buy Fence

Cheddar Fence

FrankScott (target to Sullivan) – normally John Hayes and Chad

Sullivan (Scott Stuader)

MarkPlace –Cheryl?

Longacre (Fazoli's to park and back)

FrankScott from Bank to Old Collinsville Road

Old Collinsville Road (start at corner of Old Col Road and Ashland) and go to FrankScott

Ashland by Krispy Kream to William Holiday School