



## Minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2015

**Present:** Laura Browning, Trudy V Hebert, Monica Harris, Barton Joffrion, Linda Brashier, Sandy Ostheimer  
Parish Representatives: Chris Pulaski and Linda Henderson.

**Absent:** Corey Messina, Diane Theriot, and David Luke, Parish Representative

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:36 AM.
2. Invocation present by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair.
3. Minutes of November 17, 2015 were read. Motion to approve by Monica Harris, second -Barton Joffrion, motion passed.
4. Reports of Officers, Projects and Committees:
  - a. *Parish Adviser:* Civic Blvd Project costs and plan presented. After discussion, motion to table project by Sandy Ostheimer 2<sup>nd</sup> Monica Harris, Motion passed.
    - i. Review of past projects at completion: La Petit Theater, Water Life Museum, Skate Park, and Marina
    - ii. Bayou Sports Park: Tree Board has in long-term plans for providing for tree plantings for berm/. Fields will be readied for 2016 spring, concessions and other areas , 2017.
  - b. *Financial Report:* Report showed available funds as \$26,731.62 with December expenditures of \$6,638.74.
  - c. *Publications Report:* All board members were given a package, which included scoring sheets, criteria, ballots with a CD of trees for consideration. Each member is expected to return ballot to Trudy prior to the January meeting.
  - d. *Chair Report:* Highlighted the Tree-mendous Tree Award Form for nominations, to which adjustments were made. Motion to accept as amended by Sandy Ostheimer and 2<sup>nd</sup> -Monica Harris. Motion carried. In addition, suggestions for the 2016 Calendar of the Board were solicited.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Arbor Day: Tree delivery day , 01/29.2016, between 11 AM to 2 PM. 800 container trees to consist of available regionally appropriate species. Seedlings to consist of hard wood species.
    1. Sandy to contact Master Gardiners to assist in delivery and distribution and contact 4-H members to assist on January 30, 2016.
    2. Trudy to contact Media for coverage; Gumbo Radio, Tri Parish Times, and Houma Courier . Also social media postings will be made.
6. New Business:
  - a. Nominations Committee Report by Sandy Ostheimer with slate of nominations: Laura Browning, Chair, Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair and Trudy V Hebert, Secretary. Motion to accept by Laura Browning and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monica Harris. Motion Carried.
  - b. New Financial Subcommittee formed for development 2016 Projected Budget. Sandy Ostheimer, Barton Joffrion, and Laura Browning will review of last 3 years of s revenue and expenditures.
  - c. A discussion about collaborating with Recreation District 11 at Airbase was held. Board is invited to attend the Thursday Jan 14, 2016 meeting of the Recreation 11 Board of Directors at 6:30 PM at the Westside Gym. Tree board is considering assistance for providing plans for an Airbase Tree Master Plan.

Motion to Adjourn. The next meeting will be January 19, 2016.

Submitted by,

Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary