



NDOT

**Metropolitan Beautification and
Environment Commission**

Nashville Department of Transportation
& Multimodal Infrastructure

750 South 5th Street • Nashville, TN 37206

Minutes from September 2023

Meeting was called to order by J.D. Lane – Beautification Executive Director

Present: *George Acklin-D3, Anthony Viglietti-D7, Tranyce Parmer-D8, Jane Schnelle-D11, Pam Swoner-D12, Michael Rawetski-D13, Michele Mazzu-D15, Metira Aycock-D17, Miriam Mimms-D18, Lisa Haller-D19, Sara Stewart-D20, Patricia Knight-D23, Gayle Feltner-D26, Alisa Huntsman-D27, Jennifer Smith, Aisha Johnson, JD Lane, Simone Chhut.*

Abby Schneider *Tennessee Environmental Council spoke on the importance of recycling, in 2018 Tennessee generated 31.7% more waste than the national average which equals to 6.56 pounds per person per day, Tennessee spends 19 million dollars for litter pick up. Landfills are a problem because it decreases home value, decrease neighborhood desirability, contaminates soil and ground water and unpleasant odors.*

There are several programs that you can join to make a difference, we host 10 recycling events for underserved communities, items that are collected at our invents are: mattresses, electronics, tires, batteries, medications, glass bottles, scrap metal, ink cartridges, paper shredding, clothing, textiles, and shoes, vacuum cleaners, hair dryer and chargers can be recycled at best buy, alkaline batteries can be recycled at staples. We would like for people to add a pollinator garden to the medians, right of way, residential yards, schools, and commercial properties in your communities. We will also like for you to host a litter clean up on October 7, 2023.

J.D. Lane *For those of you that has a new council member, I have reached out to them on your behalf, you should also reach out to your new council member and introduce yourself. Please start thinking of ideas for your beautification projects, if there is planting involved now will be the perfect time as the fall is the best time to plant, if you are thinking about a project that needs T-dot involvement, please reach out to me asap. Michelle mentioned in the last meeting about best practices for the commissioners and I am currently working on that, I am also working on revamping the commissioner manual.*

Jennifer Smith *Its Daffodil time please fill out your form to receive your bulbs if you need more please add the additional amount in the comment section of the form. Bulbs should be placed in parks, schools, and libraries not in the right a way, we have a tool share program that has the tools to help plant the bulbs.*

Tree planting season will start in October and will end mid-March, there will no longer be a Lawn and Garden Show.

Simone Chhut *Still working on the food scrap pilot, trying to get 100 families in north Nashville, Antioch and Madison areas for the program please encourage anyone to apply.*

Meeting adjourned until October 10, 2023 @ 4:30pm



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