

Helena Beautification Board

March 2, 2026

The Helena Beautification Board Meeting was held on March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Helena Sports Complex. The following were in attendance.

Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Cathy Hammann-Council Liaison	X			Peggy Holly	X		
Rebekah Henderson - Chair	X			Jamie Barnes		X-Rebekah to reach out to Jamie.	
				Thomas Hart		X	X
Cory Johnson	X			Sandra Rothe		X	
Jennifer Stringfellow	X			Stephane Dortch		X-Resigned from Board	
Christina Levio	X			Luther Jarmon		X – Rebekah to reach out to Luther	
Stephane Frederick	X						
Stephane Gray	X						

1. Call to order.
2. Sandra asked if there were any questions about the minutes from the February 2nd meeting, and there were none.
3. Discussion of the Board Ordinance and meetings, as well as nominations for officers. Cathy stated the last Ordinance/Bylaws were from 2019; however, Christina believes she has one from 2021 and will get it to Cathy. Nominations for officers were received and counted by Cathy. The results are noted below.

Chair – Rebekah Henderson

Vice Chair – Stephane Gray (Cory Johnson elected but conceded to Stephane, who had the second most votes). Stephane accepted the position.

Secretary – Sandra Rothe

4. Rebekah stated that we need 15 board members, and we are now down to 11 as Stephane Dortch has resigned. Jamie Barnes and Luther Jarmon were not in attendance for the February or March meeting. Three unexcused absences and you're off the board, so Rebekah is going to reach out to both Jamie and Luther. Rebekah also stated that Luther is involved in other boards. Rebekah and Cathy said to reach out to anyone whom you think would be interested in joining the board. The city will post applications.
5. At the March board meeting, the Kiwanis club asked the board about providing a picnic table at Joe Tucker Park. Cathy provided an update stating that Helena Hardware and the Kiwanis Club will provide the materials, and the Eagle Scouts will build the table.

6. The board discussed the planting day. The last freeze is usually mid-April. Planting day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026. Rebekah stated that we will meet at 8:00 a.m. and will not start before then to make sure everyone is there and has an opportunity to participate.
7. We will have a clean-up day prior to the planting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, meeting at the caboose at 5:30 p.m. We will break up into groups. One group will go to the current city hall, one group to Lee Springs, and we will have a group at the caboose/Old Towne.
8. Sandra Rothe will reach out to Dennis Wilson and Alice Lobell so the Teen Council can participate in the planting day. Sandra will also reach out to the Helena Belles. Rebekah introduced Sandra to the Helena Belles who were meeting the same night as the Beautification Board. The Belles instructed Sandra to send the email to the main Helena Belles email to notify of any upcoming events in which we would like the Helena Belles to participate. Rebekah also asked that any Belles that participate to please post/tag the Helena Beautiful with any photos.
9. Cathy said that the HOT Board would like to work with the Beautification Board to provide flowers for the stage and VIP tents. This will need to be coordinated with Cedar Creek. Cathy said Payton has been great to work with at Cedar Creek. We will need a trailer get the flowers to and from the stage/tent. There will be a sign saying compliments of Cedar Creek and the Helena Beautification Board. Below are the dates noted by Cathy.

April 25th

May 16th

June 13th

July 3rd

September 26th

October 9th/10th

10. The following were other items/new business discussed.
 1. Rebekah asked if anyone thought we had too many pumpkins for the pumpkin house. It was agreed that we had too many of the baby pumpkins and too many corn stalks.
 2. We need to get a count of how many new baskets/liners we need to order. Rebekah said that if someone could go to the storage shed and count the baskets, that would be appreciated. Cathy also needs the basket count and diameter of the basket, as she has a contact that she can get a quote from for the new baskets and liners.
 3. We need to get the applications out for new members. Cathy said that Rebekah should have a say in the write-up and description of what will be required.
 4. Cory Johnson suggested that any potential/interested people in joining the board come to meetings to see if it's something they would like to participate in.
 5. Jennifer Stringfellow suggested adding a few baskets at Lee Springs; however, Cathy pointed out that the city would have to send the watering truck over there to water the plants. Peggy Holly will ask Rusty about this.
 6. Cathy stated that a Bee Board may be established. If this comes to fruition, they will have native gardens throughout the city.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Helena Beautification Board Scheduled Meetings - 2026
April 6th
May 4th
June 1st
July 6th
August 3rd
September 7 th (Holiday, may need to adjust the meeting date)
October 5th
November 2nd
November 16 th (Second meeting for this month to finalize the tree lighting)
December 14th