

APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 9, 2026

A meeting of the Appearance and Beautification Committee was held at the Town Hall, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM in Bel Air, Maryland. Elaine Millard, presided. Members present included Kristy Sudbrink, Sue Niewenhous, Peg Lucas, Audrey Street, Courtney Endley, Amanda Berry and Bonnie Bailey. Also, present Steve Kline from the Department of Public Works and Jake Taylor, Town Commissioner

Old Business

Minutes have been reviewed and approved.

Town Planning

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Kristy Sudbrink

Unexpended balance is \$28,514.45. Steve will submit the budget requirements for 2027. The Town Commissioners budget sessions start in April and will continue through May.

Awards – Kristy Sudbrink

No update.

Christmas

The committee agreed to purchase new bows (60 small bows for throughout the town and seven larger bows that will replace the existing bows on Bond Street). Sue will submit the order.

Clean-Up – Committee report

A house on North Kelly Avenue also has trash visible on the driveway in front of the house. A vehicle under repair and up on jacks is parked in the front yard on the 500 block of Lee Way.

Landscaping – Sue Niewenhous

The committed agreed to renew the contract for Rebloom to maintain the gardens.

New Business

A plaque has been ordered for Alice's Garden and should arrive later this spring. The town is looking at hiring a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

Downtown Alliance – Peg Lucas

Peg's notes indicate the Alliance website is a good resource for upcoming attractions. Upcoming events include the Main Street Social at Looney's Pub, February 25th, Chocolate Brew and Wine Tour, March 7th, and the Main Street Social at Das Bierhalle. For more information on these events go to [Downtown Bel Air - Bel Air Downtown Alliance](#).

Garden Mart –Elaine Millard

The Garden Mart will be held Friday, May 8th, 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Letters were sent to the High Schools. Counter cards have been printed and are being distributed. Participants this year include the four garden clubs, Master Gardeners, Harford Land Trust, Harford County Public Library (Bel Air and Edgewood branches), Department of Public Works and Department of Public Works Planning. The food truck will be Crossroads Bistro Bood Truck. The contract has been signed for the use of the Armory.

Tulip Project – Amana Berry and Courtney Endley

Amanda and Courtney are beginning to garner information for this endeavor.

Announcements -

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Bailey