

City of Berkeley Betterment Commission

> October 4, 2023 1pm on Zoom

The Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Councilwoman Williams.

Members Present: Tracy Cole, Jean Holmes, Ebony Shaw, Sherry Terry, DeBora White, Councilwoman Brenda Williams, Representing the City (Ward 2) and City Clerk Deanna Jones.

Introduction of Members

The meeting began with introduction of members and Oath of Office given to Ms. Cole and Ms. Shaw.

Old Business

New Business

Councilwoman Williams explained the purpose of the Betterment Commission, what some of the past events have accord, and position responsibilities. The budget is \$3,000.

The following positions were assigned and agreed upon: Treasurer – Barabara Jean Holmes Secretary – Ebony Shaw Chair – Tracy Cole

The commission members decided that the 1st Wednesday of the month at 4pm by the Zoom Platform will be the meeting dates.

Thanksgiving turkeys will be giving to twenty Berkeley families from Ferguson-Florissant School District and turkey breast to five seniors, with a \$25 gift card. The chair will look into grocery store charity giveaways.

Reconvene Wednesday, Oct 11th at 4pm to discuss information on Thanksgiving grants and future opportunities. The committee will help put the Halloween candy bags together on Oct 26th at 2:30pm.

Future desires: sponsor a family or two from the Berkeley area picked by the school district for Christmas, participate with the Fire Dept coat drive, and have a toy drive.

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm.