**Chester Beautification/Tourism Commission Agenda**

**February 20, 2020**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Cynthia Lawder

**Treasurer’s Report** Linda Rader

**Public Petitions & Correspondence**

**Standing Committee Reports**

* Anti-Litter (Campaign for care of property) Bruce Luthy, Sr.
* Banners/Christmas Lights Tom Sauer

Charlie Bargman reports the Christmas banners are beginning to deteriorate

* Farmer’s Market Tom Sauer
* Planters ?

Determine individual to chair planter care

* Riverboat/Tour Programming JoAnn Simmons/Linda Rader/Patti Carter

Distribute copies of 2020 scheduled riverboat stops

* Take Pride Award JoAnn Simmons/Linda Rader
* Historic Preservation Brenda Owen

HGTV Home Town Takeover application on behalf of River City Renewal

**Special Committee Reports**

* Riverfront Improvement Tom Sauer/Sandra Starr
* Popeye Statue self-guided tour Brenda Owen

Project complete except for plaque installation on statues

**Commission Function Reports**

* Public Relations Sandra Starr/Cynthia Lawder/Bob Lockhart
* City Council update Ray Allison
* Welcome Center update Linda Sympson
* Randolph County Tourism ?

**Old Business**

* Ideas for vacant lot at corner of State Rt 150 and Swanwick Ray Allison/Cynthia Lawder
* Building mural Brenda Owen, Sandra Starr
* Tourist brochures JoAnn Simmons
* Advertising signage along Interstate 55 Shane Wagner

**New Business**

* Planters
* Vacant commission positions
* Chester’s 200th birthday in 2029
* Any other business that may come before the commission

**Adjournment & Next meeting: Thursday, March 19** at 6:30 PM at City Hall

Members & Liaisons:

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| Ray Allison, City Council Rep | Bob Lockhart | JoAnn Simmons | Vacant |
| Donella Butler | Bruce Luthy, Sr. | Sandra Starr | Vacant |
| Patti Carter, City Rec. Director | Brenda Owen, Ch | Linda Sympson, C of C | Vacant |
| Bobbi Junkin | Linda Rader, Treas | Shane Wagner |  |
| Cynthia Lawder, Sec | Tom Sauer, V Ch |  |  |