**Chester Beautification/Tourism Commission Agenda**

**August 20, 2020**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome new member Connie Surman**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Cynthia Lawder

**Treasurer’s Report** Linda Rader

**Public Petitions & Correspondence**

**Standing Committee Reports**

* Anti-Litter Bruce Luthy, Sr.

Consistent signage

* Banners/Christmas Lights Cynthia Lawder

City welcome signs

Deteriorating Christmas banners

* Planters Tony West/Brenda Owen
* Riverboat/Tour Programming Linda Rader/Patti Carter
* Take Pride Award JoAnn Simmons/Linda Rader
* Tourism Brenda Owen

Popeye Photo bench JoAnn Simmons

Penny Machine Brenda Owen

* Historic Preservation Brenda Owen

National Park Service Lewis and Clark Trail Project (https://lewisandclark.travel/)

U of I Mythic Mississippi Project

**Special Committee Reports**

* Riverfront Improvement Cynthia Lawder
* Popeye Statue self-guided tour Brenda Owen

Statue masks Linda Rader

Statue brochures Donella Butler

**Commission Function Reports**

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

**Old Business**

* Potential park at corner of State and Swanwick Ray Allison/Cynthia Lawder
* Tourist brochures JoAnn Simmons
* Advertising signage along Interstate 55 Shane Wagner

**New Business**

* Christmas on the River Patti Carter
* Vacant commission positions
* Any other business that may come before the commission

**Adjournment & Next meeting: Thursday, September 17** at 6:30 PM at City Hall

Members & Liaisons:

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| Ray Allison, City Council Rep | Bobbi Junkin | Linda Rader, Treas | Vacant |
| Donella Butler | Cynthia Lawder, Sec | JoAnn Simmons | Vacant |
| Patti Carter, City Rec. Director | Bob Lockhart | Connie Surman |  |
| Melissa Gross | Bruce Luthy, Sr. | Linda Sympson, C of C |  |
| Mary Ann Heberlie | Brenda Owen, Ch | Shane Wagner |  |