

Our mission it is to enhance the City of Little Rock's appearance and quality of life by promoting and providing supervision of its natural resources and surroundings.

Our goal is to raise the level of community expectation for the quality of its environment



Duties

REVIEW THE VARIANCES TO THE LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

Review all commercial development plans requesting variances to the required Landscape Ordinance
This is a requirement per the Tree City USA registration (2001). CBC was assigned to serve as the governing Tree Board which was added to their duties at that time.

PROMOTE THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE IN LITTLE ROCK

Promote public interest in the general improvement and appearance of the City of Little Rock

PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DIRECTIONS & GUIDANCE TO BOD

Prepare and transmit to the Little Rock City Board of Directors recommended environmental policies and implement plans prepared by and/or for the Commission

PROVIDE AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT GUIDELINES TO BOD

Establish, subject to the Little Rock City Board of Directors approval, regulations of aesthetic quality for public and private lands and improvements

In April 1947, the City Beautification Forum, consisting of eighteen members, was organized by Mrs. Raymond Gesell. From this group, the Little Rock City Beautiful Commission (CBC) was created on January 12, 1948 by Ordinance No. 7494. It is one of the oldest city commissions.

On September 21, 1976, the Little Rock Board of Directors passed Ordinance No. 13,204, which repealed Article III of Chapter 26 of the Little Rock Code or Ordinances and abolished the City Beautiful Commission as then constituted. The current City Beautiful Commission of Little Rock was created by Little Rock Code 15-26, 27 and new members were appointed to the Board of Directors (BOD) on October 19, 1976.



Mrs. Gordon Gates (Willie Gates) / 1957 - 1959

Mrs. Raymond Gesell / 1948 - 1956

Mr. Wayne Cranford / 1960

Mr. Steve Stephens / 1961 - 1962

Mrs. Catherine Hidy / 1963

Mr. Milas H. Hale / 1964 - 1965

Mr. Fred Schmutz / 1966

Mr. William Terry / 1967

Mr. John P. Gill / 1968 - 1969

Mr. Paul Lawhon / 1969 - 1970

Mr. Henry Nichols / 1971 - 1974

Mr. Jim Mauney / 1975

Mr. James Conner / 1976

Mr. Bill Gaskin / 1977 & 1983

Mr. Ted Hannah / 1978

Mr. Don Arick / 1979

Mr. A. J. Almand / 1980

Mr. Janes Vines / 1981 - 1982

Mrs. Sharon Priest / 1984 - 1986

Mr. Bob Callans / 1987

Mr. James G. von Tungeln / 1988 - 1989

Mr. Bert Parker / 1990

Mr. Joe Franklin / 1991

Mr. Merle Seamon / 1992

Ms. Dottie Funk / 1999 - 2001

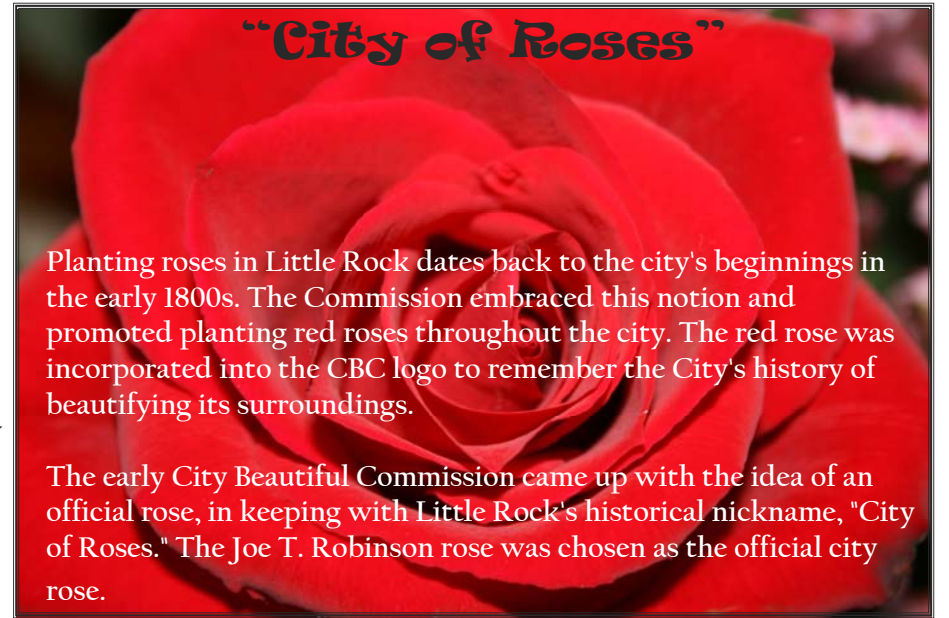
Mr. Nash Abrams / 2002 - 2003

Mr. Tim Heiple / 2004 - 2005

Ms. Karol Zoeller / 2006

Ms. Lynn Mittelstaedt Warren / 2007

History



Planting roses in Little Rock dates back to the city's beginnings in the early 1800s. The Commission embraced this notion and promoted planting red roses throughout the city. The red rose was incorporated into the CBC logo to remember the City's history of beautifying its surroundings.

The early City Beautiful Commission came up with the idea of an official rose, in keeping with Little Rock's historical nickname, "City of Roses." The Joe T. Robinson rose was chosen as the official city rose.

Past Chairs of the City Beautiful Commission