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7/16/2019

MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
May 21, 2019 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD

CALL TO ORDER BY: Jen Chinn at 6:00 PM. in the City Hall South Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jen Chinn, Carol Posby, Rita Roberts, Kathie Brown, Carol Kurth and Katherine Massey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betti Pool

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Jones and Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2019: Motion by Rita Roberts, second by Carol Posby, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried: 4-0-1. (Carol Kurth abstains).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Press releases for Earth Day and Litter Clean Up events will be shared during the regular business. June 6 will be the Costick Center Courtyard Planting date.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Carol Kurth, second by Carol Posby to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried: 6-0.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR: The Commissioners reviewed the calendar and added the June 6, Costick Courtyard Planting.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

- Litter Walk 2019 Results – Carol Posby updated the Commissioners on results of the event. She had 26 groups with a total of 306 participants, including a couple of group that worked outside the official event date. There was been a tremendous response this year. Carol will work with other Commissioners next year to organize and distribute supplies. A memo from DPW was shared, congratulating and supporting the event. Jen mentioned the JC's of Farmington also hosted a Clean Up event on the same date. If anyone hears how their event went and has ideas to share with the group, it can be added to the next agenda.
- Earth Day 2019 Results – Jen Chinn updated the Commission about the Earth Day event. The event was very well attended with lots of kids participating. It was a good community participation event to impart the love of gardening to children. If the weather is good next year more supplies will be necessary.
- Plant Swap 2019 Results – Jen and Kathie attended the event and gave a summary. There was a good attendance. The item will be added to the next meeting agenda in case Betti has additional information.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Costick Center Courtyard Planting – Charmaine Kettler-Schmult gave an update of preparations. The planting is scheduled for June 6 starting at 10 AM. A Beechview, 5th

grade class will participate. A presentation will be done to the students on May 31 to inform the students of what to expect.

- BC Award Nominations – Nomination forms are going out. All Commissioners were encouraged to distribute forms and send in any locations that stand out. The Commissioners discussed encouraging landscape companies to share property owners contact information so they can be included in the awards program. An email note will be included to encourage them to completely fill in the form. The form will also be posted to the city web page and staff will send out publicity releases. The awards ceremony date of October 24 will be confirmed with Special Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Visitor Sherry Jones was invited to give a little information about her background. She is a prospective Beautification Commission member. She was informed of the process to become appointed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Carol Kurth shared a note from Elsie McKeown thanking Commissioners who were at the City Council meeting to honoring Elsie's service to Farmington Hills. Carol Posby asked about work in the rights-of-way at 12 Mile and Halsted. Jen Chinn shared her experience at the West Bloomfield Native Plant Sale. This could be an event for Farmington Hills and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Jen Chinn at 7:15 P.M.