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MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
January 21, 2020 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD

CALL TO ORDER BY: Betti Pool at 6:10 PM. in the City Hall South Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jen Chinn (arrive at 6:20 PM), Rita Roberts, Carol Kurth, Betti Pool and Sherry Jones.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathie Brown and Katherine Massey

OTHERS PRESENT: Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Staff Liaison, Kevin McCarthy, DPW Supervisor

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Spring KMB/BCSEM meeting information was shared. A letter and email with compliments and thanks for the BC awards program and ceremony.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR: The Commissioners reviewed the calendar. The date for the Spring Clean Up was set for April 25. The date for the Fall Plant Swap and Tree Sale is set for September 12 and the date for the BC awards will be confirmed with Costick for October 29.

NEW BUSINESS

- Spring Clean Up event – Kevin McCarthy introduced the item. The event has been very successful and it would be a detriment to the community for it to stop because the event chair Carol Posby has passed away. The Commissioners were very interested in finding a way to keep it going. DPW has supported the event with trash bags and bag pick up along major roads. Carol Kurth suggested a proclamation from City Council in April to promote the event. Information will need to be distributed to COHA and previous participants. Jen volunteered to contact previous participants and help with editing the flyer. It is hoped Kathie Brown would be willing to share information on the event with COHA at their next meeting. Staff will find out what t-shirt colors are available for selection. Kevin McCarthy invited the Commissioners to tour the DPW building and water tower.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019: Motion by Betti Pool, second by Rita Roberts, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Carol Kurth, second by Betti Pool to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.

- Fall Native Tree/Shrub Sale – Jen Chinn updated the Commissioners on the meeting held with staff and Brendan Nolan of Plants for Ecology. His company would provide the plants and expertise. The date is scheduled for September 12,

2020 from 9am-2pm at the Nature Center. The Commissioners need to decide where the donation from the proceeds would go. The company would donate 25% of profits to a group the Commissioners designate. This information would be part of the publicity for the event. It would be held on the same day as the Fall Plant Swap to increase the synergy for the events. At least three volunteers from the Commission would be needed to help out with the sale. The donation recipient will be determined at the February meeting. One suggestion is the Farmington Garden Club. Also Oakland County Master Gardeners can be requested to volunteer at the event.

- Draft BC Annual Report 2019 and Draft BC Goals for 2020 – Beautification Commissioner to review the documents and bring back comments to the next meeting in February.
- Discussion of BC Officers Nomination – The Commissioners briefly discussed potential slate of officers for 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The next meeting needs to be rescheduled for February 25 at 6 PM.

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