

**MEETING MINUTES  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
September 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM  
City Hall – Community Room  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road**

**Approved  
10/21/2014**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY: Co-Chair Carol Kurth**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Posby, Michelle Zerbi, Rita Roberts, Abe Aon, Betti Pool, Triman Jagdev, Jan Dolan, Katherine Massey, Lincoln Avery and Jeff Stewart.**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Elsie McKeown.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Staff Liaison**

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFORMATION	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b>	Minutes of July 15, 2014 and August 19, 2014 were reviewed.	<b>MOTION BY: Carol Posby</b> <b>SUPPORT BY: Abe Aon</b> Motion to accept the minutes of July 15, 2014. <b>MOTION CARRIED: 9-0</b> <b>MOTION BY: Carol Posby</b> <b>SUPPORT BY: Betti Pool</b> Motion to accept the minutes of August 19, 2014. <b>MOTION CARRIED: 9-0</b>
4	<b>CORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	Charmaine Kettler-Schmult shared a newsletter from the BCSEM and the BCSEM September 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting information.	
5	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</b>	The agenda was approved as published.	
6	<b>REVIEW OF CALENDAR:</b>	Dates were added to the calendar for the BCSEM fall quarterly meeting and the KMB annual awards meeting October 22 thru 24. Also, corrections to the month and year for February and March 2015.	
7A	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Riparian Subcommittee update</b>	Jeff Stewart was at the COHA meeting giving a presentation on the upcoming workshop. Carol Posby gave an update. The sub-committee has speakers lined up: Jim Nash, a representative from MSU extension service and a representative from Friends of the Rouge. Vendors will be at the workshop to offer native plants and other water preservation related materials/services. Carol has drafted an invitation for homeowners that live along Farmington Hills waterways. The riparian brochure will be included with the invitation.	
7B	<b>AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Beautification</b>	Commissioners reviewed information regarding locations nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Award and Beautification	<b>MOTION BY: Jan Dolan</b> <b>SECOND BY: Betti Pool</b> Motion to award an Individual Service

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	<b>Commission Awards Program</b>	Commissioners' Award. The Commission determined Café Cortina will be awarded the Chamber of Commerce Award. The Beautification Commissioners' Award will be presented to Essex Club. An award for Individual Service will be presented to David Sharpe of the Finnish Center. Set up of the room will be starting at 11:00 am on Thurs. October 23. Betti reviewed the color scheme for the room, centerpieces and the food choices.	Award to David Sharpe of the Finnish Center. <b>MOTION CARRIED: 11-0</b>
<b>8A</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: New Business: Fall Plant Swap</b>	Betti Pool gave a summary of the event. There were 15 cars. The event went smoothly but the weather was not the best.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</b>	None	
<b>10.</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:</b>	Abe Aon stated a neighbor of his has garbage in their yard. Staff will forward this location to Code Enforcement. Jan Dolan brought up the topic of community gardens. Commissioners mentioned there have been discussions about this at previous meetings and it did not have enough support. Jeff initiated the last discussion and would participate if others wanted to work on it. Katherine said she would contact a community member to see if there is any interest. Lincoln spoke of the frustration he has had with KMB. Their annual awards meeting directly conflicts with the Farmington Hills Awards Program. He also spoke of his recent trip to Belle Isle and how impressed he was with the improvements to the park.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.
	<b>MINUTES PREPARED BY</b>	Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Beautification Commission Liaison	