

**MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

CALL TO ORDER BY: Chairperson Kailee Sosnowski at 6:02 PM in the City Hall Community Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kailee Sosnowski, Michael Harris, Robert Levine, Frank Romano, September Ingram, Evan Rosin (late)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherri Garrett (Sick)

OTHERS PRESENT: Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison, Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison, Guest: Pam Wright, Farmington Garden Club

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Romano, seconded by Levine, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Levine, seconded by Harris, to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2026 as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCSEM 2026 Fall Newsletter, Farmington Press article about former Commissioner Betti Pool, Commissioner Harris' script for his public comments at 09/14/26 City Council meeting, Commissioner name plates provided; please advise Emmanuel if name tags are needed by anyone.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

A. BC Awards 2026 – Planning/Commissioner's Award

The Commission discussed the proposed survey questions as presented by Harris.

Motion by Sosnowski, seconded by Harris, to review and approve the amended survey questions at the October 20, 2026 regular meeting, and, if approved, to circulate the survey at the October 22, 2026 BC Awards ceremony. Motion carried: 6-0.

B. Member Proposal: Awards Program Ceremony/Nomination Forms

No action taken. Harris postponed his presentation until the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Wright of the Farmington Garden Club shared information and answered questions about the Club's biannual garden walk, good neighbor garden contest, and their mission.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Romano shared information about a possible data center being developed in the City of Southfield and expressed his concerns about potential impacts to Farmington Hills. Ingram noted that she is a member of the Michigan Public Service Commission and that the MPSC has not approved a data center in Southfield at this point. Sosnowski asked where the Commission could find more information. Romano referenced the Sierra Club and the State.

Harris shared that he attended the September 14, 2026 City Council meeting as a follow-up to public comments he made at the August 11, 2026 City Council meeting. During the August meeting, Harris used the public comment period to present prepared remarks outlining concerns he had with the Beautification Commission (a copy of those remarks was provided to the Beautification Commission at their August 18, 2026 meeting). At the September meeting, Harris again used the public comment period to present prepared remarks outlining his proposed solutions related to the issues he raised in August. A copy of Harris' public comments was provided to the Commission.

Sosnowski clarified that Harris's public comments to the City Council were made in his individual capacity and did not represent the Beautification Commission. Sosnowski noted that the Commission operates through a democratic process and that individual commissioners should not imply that they are speaking on behalf of the Commission unless authorized to do so. Rosin supported Harris' right to speak before City Council.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 20, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY: Chair Sosnowski at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: September Ingram, Secretary