

MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
APRIL 15, 2025 - 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 6:01 PM. in the City Hall Community Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kailee Sosnowski, JoAnn Rowland, Kathie Brown, Jawahar Babu, Robert Levine, Alex Clar (late arrival)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Valerie Knol, Council Liaison, Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Babu, second by Levine to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Levine, second by Brown to approve the minutes of March 18, 2025 as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCSEM newsletter, Bryan Colter Memorial notice, Flood Disaster Recovery Resources Available email compiled by Friends of the Detroit River, and the Oakland Tree & Shrub Sale notice from Oakland Conservation District. Emmanuel will forward the email notices to Commission.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar. Brown noted that the KMB Annual meeting should be added on October 2 & 3, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

- A. BCSEM June 12, 2025 Quarterly Meeting Update
 - 1. Raffle Prizes: Brown provided pictures of prizes, discussed the reason prizes were needed and what is a sufficient number expected (20).
 - 2. Food Service: Brown provided a list of questions and an estimated budget regarding catering. Emmanuel will contact the caterer for answers to these questions.
 - 3. Invitation & Program: Brown provided a draft of both and presented the order of events. She noted that BCSEM had approved the invitation and she will email to Emmanuel. During this discussion, it was noted that several members likely cannot attend the event due to work schedules. Brown expressed hope that other members could help host the meeting.
- B. BC Budget Increase Request Memo
 - 1. Motion by Brown, second by Clar to approve and forward the Budget Increase Request Memo to city council for consideration. Motion carried: 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Speaker Roster Development

1. Motion by Levine, second by Rowland to create and maintain a file of potential speakers for future Beautification events. Motion carried: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Brown asked Knol about upcoming developments: The former Historic Sara Fisher site located at 12 Mile & Inkster Roads, PUD by Robertson Brothers approved to build 76 condos. Because the property is designated as Historic, the developer is required to preserve the existing chapel by converting it into a community space. Original materials such as bricks and sculptural elements will be salvaged and reused in the new construction. The former Ginopolis site at the corner of 12 Mile & Middlebelt is still being pursued by Sheetz for purchase. No other site in Farmington Hills has been approved for Sheetz; however, there may be a Sheetz station coming to 12 Mile and Haggerty, which is Novi.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025

MEETING ADJOURNED BY: Chair Sosnowski at 6:48 PM

Submitted by Kathie Brown, Secretary