

MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MARCH 17, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – SOUTH CONFERENCE 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, Kathie Brown, Robert Levine, Michael Harris, Frank Romano

MEMBERS ABSENT: September Ingram, Alex Clar

OTHERS PRESENT: Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison; Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison; Guests: Evan Rosin, Patrick Chisholm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Brown, second by Levine to amend and approve the Agenda as follows: Add item 8, Election of Officers and BC Award Program Location, and correct the Approval of Minutes date to February 17, 2026. Motion carried: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Levine, second by Sosnowski, to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2026 as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Received BCSEM invitation to the Annual Spring Luncheon on April 8th in Warren. Press Release for the April 25th Litter Walk. Joe Derek shared the symbols he created when he was a member of the Beautification Commission.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

- A. Final Approval of the BC Annual Report 2025 & Goals 2026
Motion by Sosnowski, second by Romano, to approve the BC Annual Report 2025 & Goals 2026 for submission to City Council. Motion carried: 5-0.
- B. Annual Carol Posby Litter Walk Update
Brown reported that emails were sent to prior team leaders, with 10 groups (81 participants) registered to date. As the April 1st registration deadline approaches, follow-up calls may be made to non-respondents. Outreach efforts include media interviews and contacting a local high school, encouraging student volunteers. Commissioners will assemble and distribute supply bags at the April meeting. Please bring brown paper bags to pack supplies.
- C. Proposed 2026 BC Budget Increase Request Letter to Council
Motion by Sosnowski, second by Brown, to approve and forward the Budget Increase Request Memo for consideration. Motion carried: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Officer Nominations
Motion by Levine, second by Sosnowski to nominate and approve the following officers: Sosnowski as Chair, Harris as Vice Chair, and Brown as Secretary. Motion carried: 5-0.

B. BC Awards Program Location

The Commission discussed the purpose of the program, particularly in light of declining participation. They also considered the appropriate scale and format of the ceremony. Selection of the venue was postponed until the April meeting to allow time to decide on an appropriately sized event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chisolm commented on the Plant Swap.

Rosin commented about the Commission's goals/mission and asked if the Commission could assist with trash pickup concerns. He was advised to contact DPS.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Romano discussed Earth Day participation and inquired about Heritage Park's partnership with Oakland County; Knol clarified the benefits of the City's agreement with the County.

Brown congratulated Romano on his recent recognition in the Farmington Press and his upcoming 53rd wedding anniversary.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 21, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY: Chair Sosnowski at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by Kathie Brown, Secretary