

CITY OF BERKLEY

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

6:30 P.M. at Public Safety Building Conference Room (2nd Floor)

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Anela Mihaescu (Secretary)
Micah Bradley
Danielle SeEVERS

IN ATTENDANCE: Eileen Steadman (City Council member)
Doug Deeds

ABSENCES: Wayne Atfield (Vice Chair)
Jeremy Coan
Charlene Kondrat
Kim Wilt

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair welcomed Doug Deeds to the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Fundraiser Update
3. Fall Cleanup
4. Storefront Community Garden
5. Next Year's Projects
6. Schedule of Next Meeting
7. Adjourn

The committee resolved to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Dan to approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion supported by Danielle.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle Seevers.

The Committee resolved to approve minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record as printed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Fundraiser was previously planned for Patrick J's, however the owner had to suddenly close down the restaurant. Chair made arrangements to relocate the fundraiser to Bagger Dave's, on Monday, 10/21, from 5:00- 9:00 p.m. Bagger Dave's will donate 15% of the proceeds to our committee from customers who present the flyer when dining. We posted the information about the fundraiser on our FaceBook page and have dropped off flyers at the Library as well. Anela will work on updating the Committee's scrapbook to have to present at the fundraiser.

3. FALL CLEANUP

During the last meeting committee members agreed to meet at Oxford Towers Park, Tuesday, 10/22, at 6:00 p.m. for our fall cleanup. Please bring gardening equipment, gloves, brown bags, buckets, etc.

MOTION: Moved by Anela to purchase no more than 6 bags of mulch for use for the fall cleanup.

Motion supported by Dan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle Seevers.

4. STOREFRONT COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENT

During last meeting members discussed recommending to the school to remove the yellow awning on the building next to the community garden. Will follow ups with Charlene as to any progress in reaching out to the school regarding this matter. Members discussed the likelihood of the Community Garden being turned into a parking lot. Chair will call school administration offices to encourage they consider

the viability of the lot from Coolidge and recommend planning landscaping that buffers and beautifies the surface parking lot, artwork, or greenery.

Doug discussed conserving the perennials from the Community Garden and transplanting them to the Library to create a butterfly garden there instead. He has already made arrangements for this and has contacted the Friends of the Library for assistance.

5. NEXT YEAR'S PROJECTS

Oxford Tower's Park:

Members discussed continuing with planting at Oxford Towers Park on Harvard by continuing to plant the smoke tree bushes around the remaining light by the tennis courts as well as adding viburnum bushes or weigela flowers.

Coolidge Welcome Sign:

Members discussed also focusing on the Coolidge Welcome Sign. The wooden garden frame that previously surrounded the welcome sign has been removed. Plans to have evergreens behind the sign, short growing perennials on the front and a row of bright annuals as a highlight.

Berkley Library:

This year members planted the annual flowers at the Library with funds provided by the DDA. Members discussed continuing to do this the following year with goals of planting perennial bushes and flowers mixed in with annuals. Anela will reach out to the DDA to allocate the funds specifically for this project if possible.

6. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Members discussed if we needed to have follow up meeting for the remainder of the year. Committee agreed for the next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee to take place on Wednesday, March 11th, 2019 commencing at 6:30 P. M. Location will be at Public Safety Building Conference Room (2nd Floor).

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: Moved by Anela to adjourn the meeting.

Motion supported by Dan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Danielle Seevers.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Anela Mihaescu (Secretary), October 16, 2019.