

CITY OF BERKLEY
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
6:30 P.M. 2nd Floor Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Stephen Bard
Taylor Beach
Gary Elrod
Lynn Khadra

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Patterson (City Council Liaison)

**EXCUSED
ABSENCES** Jeremy Coan
Anela Mihaescu
Jennifer Smittenberg

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes 4-24-24
3. Community Center Beautification
4. Landscape of the Year
5. Student Volunteers
6. Friends Park
7. Other Items
8. Adjourn

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

- 1. Agenda for the Meeting was approved.**
- 2. Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Meeting were approved.**

3. Community Center Beautification

The members explored and discussed ideas for the beautification of the Community Center area. Topics discussed included murals and the subject of murals (silhouettes of people, soccer balls, tennis rackets, images of nature, clouds, etc). Other beautification ideas for the area were discussed and included plantings, perhaps ivy and grasses. Also discussed were the related costs and potential fundraising efforts such as receiving contributions from families for sponsoring bricks.

4. Landscape of the Year

Dan conveyed the Landscape of the Year project that the BAC has coordinated in the past. The project focuses on identifying residents who have made efforts to beautify their homes and recognizing those efforts in appreciation and to promote beautification efforts throughout the City. The Committee agreed to pursue the project this summer and each member is to select a home to be recognized for their beautification efforts. The selections will be discussed at the next BAC meeting and the residents will be contacted and then will be recognized for their efforts perhaps through social media.

5. Other Items

Dan mentioned the Berkley Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held June 12th and encouraged the members to attend if possible.

Dan also reported that he is coordinating with the Berkley Steelers to provide volunteers to aid in beautification efforts.

Dan mentioned he will purchase 3 Smoke trees to be planted at Friend's Park this summer.

Greg reiterated that City Manager, Nate Geinzer ngeinzer@berkleymich.net is the BAC staff liaison.

The Committee briefly discussed the topic of gas-powered lawn equipment and the related efforts of another municipality (Ann Arbor) and an article on the subject was forwarded to Greg.

Next Meeting scheduled for June 24th at the 2nd Floor of Public Safety Building at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Stephen Bard (Secretary), June 2, 2024.