

CITY OF BERKLEY

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:30 P.M. PInspiration 2733 Coolidge Highway

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Stephen Bard (Secretary)
Jim Fritsch
Jennifer Hance
Lynn Khadra

IN ATTENDANCE: Natalie Price (City Council Liaison)

**EXCUSED
ABSENCES** Nick Armstrong
Jeremy Coan
Anela Mihaescu
Jennifer Smitterberg

ABSENCES:

AGENDA

1. Store Fronts on 11 Mile
2. Replace sidewalk and trim brush on east side of Coolidge
3. Replace hydrangeas at Friend's Park
4. Clean up Tot Lot?/Other Projects
5. Edge Sidewalk Campaign

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

1. Store Fronts on 11 Mile

The Committee discussed addressing beautification efforts for store fronts on 11 mile and businesses outside of the Downtown Business Authority. As many of these businesses are in a period of change, it was decided to put these efforts on hold until there is more certainty on their long term status.

2. Replace sidewalk and trim brush on east side of Coolidge

Natalie informed the Committee that the sidewalk project on the east side of Coolidge along the cemetery is in the budget for fiscal year 2023. Natalie also mentioned that The City is continuing to work and collaborating with the cemetery on improving and maintaining that walkway.

3. Replace hydrangeas at Friend's Park

The Committee discussed replacing hydrangeas at Friends Park. Although it is a suitable location, 2 of the 3 hydrangeas planted there did not survive. All present Committee members agreed to proposing replacement of the 2. Dan will gather prices and options and submit to Matt B. (City Manager) requesting approval for the expenditure. Dan also mentioned he transferred some junipers from his property to Friends Park and also that Jennifer S. planted some willows along the back wall and that she also provides periodic maintenance to that park.

4. Clean up Tot Lot?/Other Projects

The Committee discussed cleaning up the Tot Lot and other projects. Dan reported on the cleanup/improvements the Committee made at the bus stop near 12 Mile road in May. Dan also mentioned that the irises and day lilies planted in the Tot Lot were thriving and the Committee's focus moved to the Edge Sidewalk Campaign.

5. Edge Sidewalk Campaign

The Committee discussed a project to edge resident's sidewalks. Dan volunteered to create a communication describing the benefits of sidewalk edging and then coordinate with Torri Mathes to post on the City's Facebook page to determine resident's interest in the campaign. Next steps will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting.

Liaison Report

Natalie Price informed the Committee that Shaun Young is now the Department of Public Works Director. Natalie continued that Shawn has been an employee of the City for years and has been helpful and thoughtful in his contributions to the City. In response to a request from the Committee, Shawn requested a list of plantings, etc. the Committee would like preserved when new projects are undertaken (new signs, markers, etc.).

Next Meeting scheduled for June 22th at Pinspiration, 2733 Coolidge at 6:30 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Stephen Bard (Secretary), June 22, 2022.