

**CITY OF BERKLEY**  
**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024  
6:30 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Safety Building

**PRESENT:** Dan Mihaescu (Chair)  
Gary Elrod  
Ethan Fogle  
Lynn Khadra  
Anela Mihaescu

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Patterson (City Council Liaison)

**EXCUSED  
ABSENCES** Stephen Bard  
Taylor Beach  
Jeremy Coan

**ABSENCES:** Mishall Mariam Moin  
Jennifer Smitterberg

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes 7-31-24
3. Fall Clean Up
4. Smoke Tree Planting
5. Community Center Wall Garden
6. Holiday Luminary Display
7. Other Items
8. Adjourn

**Meeting was called to order.**

- 1. Agenda for the Meeting was approved**
- 2. Minutes of the July 31, 2024 Meeting were approved**

### **3. Fall Clean Up**

Lynn reported that she has 8 compost tags to be used for clean up projects.

### **4. Smoke Tree Planting**

Dan informed the Committee that he will look into buying the smoke trees for planting in Friends Park and that the Committee will perform a fall clean up of the park at the same time. He will inform the student volunteers of the event which is scheduled for October 13th at 9:00am.

### **5. Community Center Wall Garden**

The Committee discussed the Wall Garden for the Community Center with a planned “go live” date in May 2025.

### **6. Holiday Luminary Display**

Dan requested members research options for buying luminaries, lights, candles, etc. for display along Coolidge in the winter.

### **7. Other Items**

The Committee discussed the Adopt a Garden initiative with the DPW as a location. Other locations considered were Boulevards and other ideas considered to incorporate in the initiative include Welcome Signs, utilization of native plants, signage/plaques to indicate sponsorship. Lynn will reach out to the Berkley Garden Club to determine interest among members.

Dan informed the Committee that the Social Media post of the Landscapes of the Year will be live August 29th.

Dan also informed the Committee that he will contact the school district regarding planting trees along Sunnyknoll.

Gary Elrod was unanimously voted Vice Chair of the Committee.

**Next Meeting scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Public Safety Building at 6:30 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28.**

Minutes prepared by: Dan Mihaescu, September 24, 2024.