

CITY OF BERKLEY

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
7:00 P.M. at Community Center

PRESENT: Dan Mihaescu (Chair)
Anela Mihaescu (Secretary)
Micah Bradley
Jeremy Coan
Charlene Kondrat
Anna Ringe

IN ATTENDANCE: Natalie Price (City Council Liaison)

APOLOGIES: Danielle Seevers

ABSENCES: Kim Wilt

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair welcomed Anna Ringe to the meeting as an additional student representative.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. General Meeting Updates
2. Projects For The Year
3. Community Garden Remodel
4. Tree Walk
5. Spring Clean-up
6. Schedule of Next Meeting
7. Adjourn

MINUTES

1. GENERAL MEETING UPDATES

Members briefly discussed updating the city ordinance monthly meetings, active members, and meeting location. Public Safety is currently under construction and public meeting spaces are very limited. Chair will look into available meeting locations. Secretary will update members lists and contacts.

2. PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

Oxford Tower's Park:

Members discussed continuing with planting at Oxford Towers Park on Harvard by continuing to plant smoke tree bushes around the remaining light posts and adding viburnum bushes or weigela flowers along the wall.

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.

Committee members discussed if the Berkley Welcome Signs would be updated soon. Many of them are damaged or missing completely. Natalie will look into our concern if there are plans to update these signs relatively soon that would intervene in the committee planting flowers this year.

Berkley Library:

Members discussed continuing to work with the library to plant flowers at the library entrance. The funds for this specific space was previously provided by the DDA. Members discussed reaching out to Matt Church or the Friends of the Library to look into accessing these funds for this year.

Other Parks in Berkley:

Members discussed that Merchant's Park will be completely remodeled including a splash pad thus does not need to be a focus for this years project. JayCee Park could be an alternative possibility however it might present a challenge based on the massive size of the park.

3. COMMUNITY GARDEN REMODEL

Committee members discussed the new plans for turning the community garden back into a parking lot for the High School. Members discussed preserving a "green" appearance facing Coolidge Road. Natalie discussed two popular options including a green-wall or a pocket-park idea for that area. Members discussed pros and cons of each and provided feedback.

4. TREE WALK

Members discussed continuing to have our annual Tree Walk again this year. Volunteers will walk through the city streets to pass out fliers to homes without a tree in the easement of their front yard to encourage planting trees. Micah and Anna will reach out to the high-school student body to see if there is a specific month that is better for students to get involved. Their help last year made a great impact on being able to canvas the entire city.

5. SPRING CLEAN-UP

Members discussed having the spring clean-up sometime later in April. Exact dates will be confirmed at the next meeting.

6. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee agreed for the next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee to take place on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 commencing at 7:00 P. M. Location to be determined.

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: Moved by Anela Mihaescu to adjourn the meeting.

Motion supported by Jeremy Coan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Voted by Micah Bradley, Jeremy Coan, Charlene Kondrat, Anela Mihaescu, Dan Mihaescu, and Anna Ringe.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Anela Mihaescu (Secretary), March 16, 2020.