

Minutes of City of Northville Beautification Commission
June 30, 2014

Attendees: Tomiko Aoki, Patricia Baker, Koaki Beyersdorf, Doug Bingham, Jim Gallogly, Bob Hayes, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Julie Mantay, Lilliana Miyahara, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway, and Janet Young

Guest: Nana (Tomiko's daughter)

Minutes: A motion was made by Bob to accept the June minutes as written, Janet seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sally reported that we have spend roughly \$3,000 against our current budget. but knows that there are still bills out. New budget will be the same or maybe a little more. Seedling giveaway expenses have not been passed to Sally yet. There are a couple more bills to turn in. Per Jim, our budget is the same as last year and should remain the same through 2018. We need to keep City Council updated and aware of all that we accomplish for the City.

Doug suggested inviting all of City Council to this meeting sometime to let them know what we are doing.

DPW Appreciation - We will do in the fall when the cider mill opens.

New Members - Julie is happy to report that Lilliana has officially joined us as a member.

Cards - Sally has been sending cards and will send one to Allen in his bereavement.

Deadheading Schedule - Pat distributed a new schedule dated July 2, which supersedes the previous schedule.

Center Street Island - After soil preparation by DPW, this area was planted by Julie and Nachi.

Hutton and Main - Thanks for the beautiful planting here by Nachi, Tomiko, Koaki, Lilliana, and Nachi's guest, Aiko Adachi, Thanks to Jim's group for picking up and delivering the plants here.

Township Hall - We helped plant Township Hall on June 6. Tomiko, Lilliana, Janet, Sue Hooper and Julie all participated.

Nachi's Garden - Lori's group removed the dead bushes. She will have the tree replaced as well as have some of the dirt removed.

Front of City Hall - Julie stated and everyone agreed that this have never looked better. Julie, Jacque and Donna planted the new hydrangeas and the geraniums, and seasonal workers mulched around the plants.

City Hall - Some of the boxwoods by the side door are dead. DDA will have these replaced.

Front of City Hall Day Lily Bed - Diane has done a lot of work in this area and it looks so beautiful. Diane said that the yews in the middle need trimmed. DDA will trim. Diane thanked DPW for delivering the mulch.

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Jim's Garden at Randolph - This garden looks beautiful this year with the geraniums. Thanks to Jim and Lorna for planting this garden.

Eight Mile and Center - This area was cleaned up once, but it needs done again. Julie will see if Linda will do now that she is back in town.

Awards Luncheon - We need someone to do the slide show of the photos that have been taken. Can anyone do the PowerPoint presentation for the luncheon? Please let Julie know.

Awards Luncheon - Tuesday, September 30, at Presbyterian Church in conjunction with the Rotary Meeting. Rotary are the hosts of the luncheon.

Following Commission members' terms are up and need to be renewed: Tomiko, Nachi, Janet, and Donna.

It was determined that the umbrella color in Town Center is set by the Historic Commission. Lori will look into getting color selections for things like this under control.

Art House - Doug will check with them to see what they need to be ready for Beautification Commission judging.

Utility Boxes - Could we defer to August? Jim said there are lots of boxes and lots of colors and lots of conditions and many companies involved. Jim started with DTE and got the right person. Agreed to paint all the DTE stuff this summer. We cannot paint it; as they need their identification showing. They want to keep them green, even though we had thrown out some ideas like black, blue, etc. When their people are looking for things that need repair, they look for green. Jim will go to the phone company and then the cable company. A number of the boxes are the City's and Jim will paint green as well, except for those on the power poles. Doug took photos and mapped and worked with Jacque and Donna to identify the utility boxes throughout the City. A huge thank you to Doug for taking this on. Maybe we could address adding plants in some of these areas in our August meeting.

Doug also prepared an inventory of beds that aren't currently being maintained. Julie will forward to Lori.

Foundry Flask - They trimmed the overgrown plants, etc. Jim will trim the weeds over the bridges. Also on the curve outside the east side of CVS there is a branch down that needs cut and removed.

Thanks to Kate Knight for offering her seasonal guys to give us assistance.

Well Area - The historical sign has arrived at the Chamber and will be placed soon. Diane will arrange a cleanup with the Rotary before fall. In the future, it should just take refreshing the bark once a year. Diane has been maintaining this area and it look fabulous. Eventually, Diane said we might trim the area.

Northville Road Boulevard - The DDA provided new bags and seasonal workers are filling those bags. We really appreciate their help.

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Beautification Judging - Once again Bob is coordinating this. We need to return judging information to him by July 12. Look at all things in your area and decide if it is worthy of judging. Doug will present and place the signs to the businesses who win. An email will be sent to Michelle Nabonzy to get Council's approval to place the signs.

Bob explained that there is a potential of 45 points with 5 bonus points. He said it would be nice if we would email them back to him. Julie will take Section 1. Nachi and Koaki will do Section 2. Diane and Sally will do Section 3. Tomiko and Lilliana will do Section 4. Donna and Jacque will do Section 5. When judging, keep in mind "Best in Town", which should be a business that is over-the-top beautiful. In the future, maybe we could post the judging criteria on the City website so that we could let businesses know what the awards are based on and how they might get an award.

Bob thanked us for the get well card and the bereavement card (in the sudden death of his brother-in-law).

Julie thanked everyone for the City looking so beautiful and all that we did to help make that happen. Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting is Monday, August 18, is 8:00. We will make plans for the luncheon during this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak