

Minutes of City of Northville Beautification Commission August 3, 2015

In attendance: Doug Bingham, Jim Gallogly, Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Pati Heath, Nachi Hirato, Liliana Miyahara, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway, Terry Snyder, and Janet Young

Diane welcomed everybody and thanked them for deadheading and everything they have done to help make the City so beautiful. Because some plants have taken over the barrels, it has taken extra time to deadhead; thanks for the extra time.

Minutes - Donna's computer crashed after our last meeting so she relied on Diane's meeting agenda notes to create the minutes. Janet made a motion to accept the minutes with a few corrections, Diane seconded. Minutes accepted with corrections that will be made.

Treasurer's Report - Sally is not here, but we had spent 80% of our budget, and Jim felt that is right where we should be. We began a new fiscal year July 1.

Deadheading - There have been many compliments about the planters and the way the City looks. Donna and Nadia felt that plants were not being watered properly; some were too dry and some were watered only minimally. Diane will talk to Lori about it.

Pat (though not here) had Janet bring a sheet to sign up for deadheading.

Rotary Well - Four Rotary members, Alan, Michael, Patrick and their new president, helped Diane and Nadia get the mulch spread out. They were a great help! We still need to add bark mulch to finish. Diane has planted new plants to try to attract butterflies to the area.

Nachi's Corner - Nachi cleaned up and has planted sunflowers which have already started growing and this area looks much better. We have plan to put stones around this bed, but probably not this year.

Rural Hill - Diane checked out and the area around the sign is a bark area. A resident in that area has been spraying with Round Up and mulching on her own. Jim's crew is going to clean and maybe we will plant some low-growing junipers and Autumn Joy sedum. Something requiring minimal maintenance. Diane will let Jim know when we need to do after she purchases plants.

Eight Mile and Center - Terry reported that it needs a lot of TLC as it has not been maintained in a long time. Terry would like to incorporate a rain garden in that area. One solution, that would take a lot of manpower, is to lower the soil in the three gardens, prune or remove the dead tree, and make cuts in concrete for inflow and outflow and bring in native plants. Also, remove echinacea and bring in large boulders to bring natural beauty without so much maintenance. There are some plants that we can reuse. There are weeds in the pavers and in the beds and it really looks bad considering it is an entrance to the City. Perhaps we could get help of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. and give them signs of recognition for their participation. It is a lot of work. Another idea is to send out a call to the community for that particular area. And turn it into a rain garden which will let the concept catch on. We should get the community involved and get their buy in. Jim's crew has sprayed Round Up and he called the school to mow and it also needs weed-whacked. Jim's people can prune or remove tree with dead on it. We need to make this a 2015-2016 project. Terry said there is a lot of labor but not so much money. It would be good to find out who is responsible for the rain garden on the hill. Pati will contact the school and see who has worked on this.

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City Hall Lily Bed - Diane will need help cutting off dead blossoms. Pati, Terry, and Nadia will help with this.

Awards - Julie also helped with the awards and looked at every business in the whole City. A possibility of 12 points and came up with 8.5 as a cut off. Luncheon is Tuesday, September 29.

List of winners (provided each one still looks good and maintained when the signs are placed):

Allen Terrace
Angela Carson Photography
Casterline Funeral Home
Corriveau Law Firm
Elizabeth's Bridal Manor
First Presbyterian Church (Best in Town)
Garage Grill and Fuel Bar
Golden Key Reality
Good Time Party Store
Kelly and Kelly, P.C.
Main-Seven, LLC/Cross Fit
New Boy Therapeutics
Northville Car Wash
Northville Chamber of Commerce
Northville City Hall
Northville Community Center
Northville Eagles
Northville Family Dentistry
Northville Garden Club Park
Northville Gardener, LLC @ 540 S. Main
Northville Rotary Park/Well Site
Northville Sports Den
Northville Town Square
Pizza Cutter
Poole's Tavern
R & D Development/Planet Fitness
Salon Paris
Singh Development/Tirami Su & S. Center St. Planters
Tipping Point Theatre
Weavers Cottage Garden at Mill Race Village
York's House Garden at Mill Race Village

Discussion was held re how to honor Angela Carson for her continued excellence in keeping her building so beautiful. It was suggested we might have her present the "Best in Town" this year.

It was suggested that we could have a most-improved next year.

Should we limit to private businesses only? That should be our goal.

We should go look at Golden Key and Presbyterian Church and vote on "Best in Town", and email Diane by Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.

Our next August 31, during which we will plan out luncheon.

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Please wear our pink shirts at the next meeting so we can get a group picture.

Terry made a motion to adjourn, Janet seconded, and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak