

City of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2017

Attendance: Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Yumi Kudo,
Julie Mantay, Callie Milroy, Liliana Miyahara, Diane Pittaway,
Jim Gallogly
Guest: Suemarie Klimek
Absent: Doug Bingham, Terry Snyder

Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Sally explained that bills for plant materials have not been submitted yet. DDA picks up the majority of the expenses we will incur for downtown plantings. Extra ceremonial expenses for upcoming 50th celebrations can be covered by the planting materials budget, per Jim.

Southeastern MI BC : June 15th will be attended by Callie and Diane in Grosse Ile. Future meetings/luncheons are 9/21 at Detroit Garden Center and 12/14 in Dearborn. Attendance keeps us connected to a larger network.

Planting Projects Accomplished:

Rural Hill Cemetery: Diane and Matt from DPW completed planting around the entrance sign. Though plants were selected for drought conditions, the juniper rug shrubs will need watering in continuous dry conditions. DDA may need to help out.

Barrel Planting: We accomplished planting the single barrels and the triple barrels in one day, ahead of schedule, making it possible for the single barrels to be placed Downtown in time for Memorial Day events.

Diane thanked all individuals who helped on 5/24. Attached will be the list of all guest volunteers. Haruna Mormoto will be added.

Terry @ DPW and his crew have responded to all our requests and contributed to the smooth accomplishment of the plantings.

Diane read a portion of an email from Lori Ward (DDA) thanking us for the contribution to the beautiful appearance of the City. All members love the new plant choices and colors.

Nachi will coordinate a schedule checking barrels every week or as necessary even though deadheading will not be required. This will alert us to what might be needed. Diane provide a map of barrels.

Allen Terrace: Liliana will record a list of all guest volunteers. Residents and helpers appreciated our help in planting the pots and fountain area and admired the new colors.

Center Street: New soil provided by DPW crew made the job much easier than

previous years. Diane had previously arranged for Julie to call for a police car. Presence helped slow traffic. Weeding along the mulch by DPW and regular irrigation need to be checked on.

City Hall & Lilies: Red begonias were planted which will not require deadheading. Gary cultivated the soil before the volunteers planted. Lilies need thinning but will get attention in the fall.

Hutton & Main: To be planted on 6/8. Diane has requested from Lori that her crew prepare the soil as they did last year, and for the lilies in the centers of the beds to be thinned & weeded. DPW will pick up plants from Farmers Market and deliver to site.

Nachi's Corner: To be planted 6/15

Rotary Park: Diane provided Rotary members Patrick and Mark with a detailed list of up keep. They are going to engage a high school club to provide maintenance service. She has submitted a cost for plants that we will be willing to plant if they cover the expense. BC will still cover the cost for the plants in the barrels.

Long's Back Bed: Callie recommends stonecrop sedum. Diane and Callie plan to visit Northfield Nursery to select the best variety.

Plans for the 50th:

Liz Cezat and Lori Ward have been provided with Terry's letter to businesses and civic organizations and our judging criteria. Next will be Chamber of Commerce.

Julie has requested a proclamation from the mayor and notified the Northville Record editor and photographer of our events. She will reach out to Kurt Kuban too.

The first event will be to serve refreshments after the June 19th Council meeting Julie will help organize this with Diane. The second will be to host an open house Friday, June 23rd from 2-4. Liliana, Yumi, Sally and Diane have met to organize details. Some invitations will be written by Sally and others will be sent by email by Diane. Invitees include all City Hall employees, Township BC members, Northville Garden Club members, Country Garden members, previous BC members, Rotary Club presidents, DPW crew and some City award recipients.

Parade: Required forms have been submitted for us to march in July 4th parade. Gary will check on the cost of a banner though we may forgo the expense at this time. Plans were discussed to include participation with Garden Club. Suemarie, parade organizer, will help us coordinate. Diane will email details about participating prior to the weekend before. Wear pink shirts.

Motion to adjourn by Callie, seconded by Gary

Next meeting will be July 10th due to July 4th holiday