

Minutes of Beautification Commission Meeting - June 2, 2014

In attendance: Tomiko Aoki, Pat Baker, Doug Bingham, Koaki Beyersdorf, Jim Gallogly, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Lilliana Miyahara, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway, and Janet Young

Julie welcomed everyone and thanked them for being here. She especially thanked those who came to the DPW yard and planted the barrels. A total of 85 barrels were planted; 61 at the yard and 24 in the clusters on the streets.

Julie was excited to report that there are a couple more people who may join our Commission in the near future.

Minutes - May minutes were emailed for review. Thanks to Jacque for preparing and distributing them. Donna made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Janet seconded. Motion carried. Donna will mail approved May minutes to Michelle Nabozny, Dianne Massa and Sue Hillebrand.

Treasurer's Report - Sally had a few bills submitted as of this a.m. But she knows that there will be additional bills for flowers. Jim will furnish our new budget allocation as of July 1.

Cards - Sally sent cards from the Commission to Karin, Jan, and Bob. Thanks, Sally, for doing this.

Steve is back with DPW. We are thankful for his improved health and that he is back. He is such a help to our group and a pleasure to work with.

Barrel planting - Julie may send a letter to the editor to acknowledge all of the help that we got to do this major undertaking. Those who were involved in the barrel planting were: Julie Mantay, Ruth Whitmeyer, Sally Hayes, Nachiko Hirato, Tomiko Aoki, Lilliana Miyahara, Janet Young, Christie Bronson, Nancy Perpich, Kathy Galarneau, Sue Hooper, and Yasumi Yuasa.

The photographer from *The Northville Record* was there; hopefully, a photo will be included in an upcoming edition of the paper.

After planting 61 barrels at the DPW yard, some of us moved into town and did 24 in town that are in the clusters. Thanks to: (Julie: Please complete.)

Thanks for all of the amazing help in getting the barrels planted and thanks to DPW for all that they do to prepare the barrels and then position them in the City. The City looks beautiful!

Clock - Thanks to Nachi for heading up planting the clock. Thanks to those who worked on this area —Tomiko, Lilliana, Nachi. Julie questioned whether or not the water got turned on on the clock? Jim said that he will make sure that it did.

A huge thank you to Jim and DPW for all that they do to get ready for planting.

Well Area - This area was planted by Lilliana, Tomiko, Nachi, Koaki, Diane and Julie and it looks lovely.

Will DDA allow their seasonal people to help water the well. They did last year. We will ask to have this area included in their watering stops.

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Northville Road Boulevard - The beautiful trees were planted by in the Snyders. We will need to get water bags to keep them well watered this first year. Jim will get them and have the DDA watering workers fill every couple of weeks.

Allen Terrace looks beautiful. Nachi coordinated the planting here. Julie Mantay, Janet Young, Kathy, Nachi Hirato, Tomiko Aoki, Yasumi Yuasa and Minako Uchiyama were at this planting. Awesome job! Nachi coordinates the planting with Dennis at Allen Terrace. Julie purchased (which Allen Terrace will cover cost of) two new containers, planted them and placed them by the fountain to replace a broken one. They look beautiful. The fountain is on and working.

Center Street Island — The dirt was too hard to work so we could not plant. We will target planting Wednesday, June 4, at 8:30. Let Janet know if you can join us for this.

Hutton and Main - Nachi will check to make sure soil is ready to plant for Thursday, June 5, at 9:00. Jim will have DPW pick up plants at Prielipps at the farmers' market on Thursday. If dirt is needed, DDA can add. Nachi will advise Julie.

City Hall - Donna will plant City Hall Thursday at 9:00. She will pick up hydrangeas and mulch. DPW will pick up geraniums at Brainer's and have there by 9:00.

Day Lily Bed in front of City Hall - Diane will be working on Thursday morning to remove some of the dirt and add mulch. She needs bags filled with wood chips and delivered to City Hall by Thursday a.m.

Eight Mile and Center - Julie weeded this area. Jim used Round Up on the bricks and his crew put wood chips out; it looks beautiful.

On Friday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m., we need to help the Township plant their flagpole area and the garden at 6 Mile and Sheldon. Let Janet know if you can help.

Seedling Giveaway - Julie filled in for Bob as he had a death in the family. It was a fairly good turn out. Julie suggests because of the declining turnout in the last several years, that we go to every other year. We only had about 150 this year, so numbers are dropping. Think about whether or not we should continue this. Maybe we could get involved in the shred event instead. Maybe we could look into giving seedlings to kids at school.

Deadheading - DDA made a map of all of the barrels and put a tape where to put the planters. We don't have a map from Kate yet, but when we get it, Pat will make up the deadheading schedule. Pat will turn around quickly after she gets the map.

Nachi's Garden - The tree there is dying so it will be removed. Jim will try to get some things done here and we will then decide what to do with this area.

Griswold Sign - Jim will pull dead boxwoods from this area. Julie will reach out to Jacque and Bob to clean this area up again this year.

Randolph Street - Thanks to Jim who will again plant Randolph Street. He has the geraniums and will get the area planted soon.

Beautification Awards - Judging begins in July. We were supposed to meet July 7, and then rescheduled to the following week, but instead could we meet Monday, June 30, and count it as

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our July meeting? Then Bob could distribute material for judging and we could get this underway so that we don't wait until mid-July to begin.

Doug agreed to present and place signs to award winners.

A "Best in Town" will be awarded again this year. Jim suggested we have the mayor present the "Best in Town" award.

Old Business - The area on Main Street across from the well (Foundry Flask area). Doug talked to the guy who owns it and he has no money to spend to fix this area up and he just had hand surgery, so cannot physically do anything about fixing this area up. Let's talk about this again during our June 30 meeting.

New Business - Doug toured town to see where things needed to be done. He feels that the utility boxes really need improvement. Giving them attention would greatly enhance the overall appearance of the City. Maybe evergreens to block the view in instances. We should find out the utilities' positions on the various colors. Possibly City Council could give us money from their public improvement fund to paint or plant around the boxes. Doug will mark where they are and suggest what should be done, and Jim will touch base with City Council and utility companies. We should consider at what colors might be good.

Our next meeting is June 30, at 8:00. Julie will make sure the room is reserved since we are now changing the date.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak