

CITY OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2017

WELCOME: Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Sally Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Yumi Kudo,
Julie Mantay, Diane Pittaway

MEMBER UPDATE: Tomiko has moved
Kei has moved
Callie is in FL
Terry cannot attend
Donna has resigned due to family and church responsibilities
Jim is on long weekend

2017 membership renewals: Nadia, Nachi, Donna, Yumi
Attendance requirement/quorum needed (1 more than half)

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2016: Gary moved to accept minutes; Nachi second;
all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Few expenses have been deducted from the 2016-2017 budget to date. Orders for this season's flowers and materials plus incidentals will be covered by the \$2500 budget. Turn in all receipts to Sally for individual purchases. The ceremonial amount allotted (\$1600) has decreased though the cost per plate has increased about \$3 plus more winners have been awarded each year. Everyone agrees this should still be our focus, i. e. to encourage businesses and community organizations to participate for judging. Jim is aware and will help us meet extra expense if this were to be a problem.

SOUTH EAST MI B. C.:

Callie & Diane attended luncheon Mar 16 in Novi.
Diane gave a brief explanation of our connection, as part of the SE MI regional division, to the state non-profit organization of Keep Michigan Beautiful and national, Keep America Beautiful which was formed in the 1960s.

Next luncheon is June 15th in Grosse Ile. Diane plans to attend and asks all to keep the date in mind.

PROJECTS FOR 2017: Flower Order for barrels & City Hall

Diane has met with a rep from Four Star Greenhouse and conferred with Lori Ward (DDA). We are changing the colors to red, yellow, orange, using plants that will not require deadheading. A prepared combination will be planted in the single barrels in cupcake shape. The triple barrels will require individual plants with grass in the center for dramatic effect. The order has been prepared and the cost should be comparable to last year's order.

Lori will be coordinating her planting palette with ours.

Diane recommended changing the City Hall plantings from pink geraniums to red begonias, showing pictures in the catalog. Four Star can provide these at half the cost of the past orders; deadheading will not be required.

Motion to accept the new plan for plant orders from the new vendor made by Nadia; second motion by Nachi; all in favor.

PLANS FOR 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION:

Diane suggested that we host a reception at City Hall with cake, cookies, and coffee, inviting Township members, City Council members, building staff, and public. Julie explained that originally the City and Township were one commission. Her mother, Barbara O'Brien was one of the original members. Plans were discussed to host this and promote our efforts and accomplishments. Afternoon times were considered. The time is to be determined. Mid June will be the target date. Julie will contact Township members. Liz Cezat, Lori Ward, and Chamber of Commerce will be asked to help publicize besides asking Northville Record to cover once we set the specific date. Details will be announced at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE/PROJECT COORDINATOR LIST:

Please see the attached lists for 2017 Commission Assignments/Coordinators and Planting Projects Committee Leaders

Terry is preparing a letter/announcement for businesses and organizations about our judging. It will include a copy of our evaluation form and can be published in the City, DDA and Chamber newsletters

Diane will have planting schedule at the May 1st meeting. She will be able to meet with Jim and Terry, a long-time employee at DPW, ahead to coordinate barrel and Center St. soil preparation plus pick up and deliveries of materials to planting sites.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Will Allen Terrace want to change the colors for plantings? Nachi will contact and let Diane know. Julie will check with Presbyterian Church to confirm if they want us to order for their pots same as ours as last two years.

Problem of traffic danger planting Center St was discussed. Diane will plan to notify police ahead for safety control. Gary stressed the importance of the soil being prepared ahead of time. Diane will include that in her meeting with Jim and Terry. Julie explained that in the past, planting did not proceed unless the soil had been prepared. We will continue to follow this recommendation.

MEETING DATES: May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug 7, Sept 11, Oct 9

ADJOURNMENT: Gary motioned for adjournment; Sally made second; Diane adjourned meeting at 9:05 a.m.