

CITY OF ALLEN PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes 5/17/2023

Commissioners present: Cathy Collier, Kyle Waligora, Maureen Stauder, Ed Wurtzbacher, student commissioner Gisele Ford, and Councilman Matt Valerius. Special Guests: DDA Director Ben Hughes, Deb Zettel and Nancy Knick

Absent: Don Graham and student commissioner Joshua Hancock

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approve/Amend Agenda from 5/17/2023: Ed/Kyle
Approve Minutes from 4/19/2023: Maureen/Ed

Ben Hughes spoke to the commission outlining the DDA's current contract with a landscaping company for the DDA district and what the landscaping company is responsible for and how often services are performed in a month, i.e., litter cleanup, grass mowing, and landscaping maintenance. Discussion had regarding a possible future partnership between the DDA and the Beautification Commission.

Final details on the May 20th cleanup discussed. Location for the June 24th 10 a.m.-noon cleanup to be held at Champaign Park and the Champaign and Pelham area.

2023 Residential and Business Beautification Awards. The number of awards will remain the same as last year, 10 Residential Awards and 5

Business Awards. Kyle will develop fillable applications to be available by June 1st. He will work with Deb Zettel on having them posted on the city's website.

Kyle proposed the Beautification Commission and Parks and Recreation hold an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring of 2024. All agreed to revisit the proposal in the fall.

Ed agreed to provide Cathy with an invoice for the printing of the Thank You business cards to be submitted to the city for payment.

Cathy requested to be added as admin on the Facebook account to post pictures of flowerbeds and other beautification posts.

Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program: At this time, all flowerbeds have been adopted. Participants have until June 15th to plant their flowerbeds. Flowerbeds not planted after June 15th, the participant will be contacted and asked if they want to opt out of program. We then will contact people on our Waiting List to fill those open flowerbeds.

Maureen discussed recognizing in some way the volunteers who participate in our cleanups throughout the year.

Deb Zettel relayed a message from Mark Kibby that someone on the Beautification Commission could possibly be invited to participate in a tour and lunch regarding the America in Bloom grant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m. City Hall