

**MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
March 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM
City Hall – Community Room
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Co-Chair Carol Kurth

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Stewart, Carol Posby, Michelle Zerbi, Rita Roberts, Betti Pool, Elsie McKeown, Lincoln Avery, Triman Jagdev, Abe Aon and Carol Kurth.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Massey and Jan Dolan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Veena Joshi and Charmaine Kettler-Schmult.

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFORMATION	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Minutes of February 18, 2014 were reviewed.	MOTION BY: Elsie McKeown SUPPORT BY: Betti Pool Motion to accept the minutes of February 18, 2014 as written. MOTION CARRIED: 8-0
4	COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Emergency Preparedness information was shared with those present.	
5	APPROVAL OF AGENDA:	The agenda was approved by the Commission with the addition of item 7E. Plant Swap information.	
6	REVIEW OF CALENDAR:	The fall Plant Swap date of September 13, 2014 was added to the calendar.	
7A	AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Litter Clean Up subcommittee report	Michelle Zerbi gave an update for the subcommittee. They will be sending out a flyer and posting it at public locations. The flyer will also be mailed to Homeowners Associations. They have made contact with local newspapers to promote the event. They have not gotten any traction with fund raising and will be working on getting bags and gloves from Waste Management. Hillside Elementary has committed to participating.	
7B	AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Riparian Buffer subcommittee report	Jeff Stewart gave an update. He and Leon Zolkower met with Jim Nash. He was interested in participating in an educational event. The event would be an opportunity to have local "experts" present information about water quality and benefits of riparian buffer areas. Attendees could volunteer their properties to be part of a demonstration project to restore water edges. A grant request to the Alliance of Rouge Communities was well received. The organization would like to participate but is not sure of funding amounts yet. Jeff requested a meeting with staff and the members of the subcommittee.	

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7C	AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Adopt-a-Road Farmington Hills	Triman Jagdev started a discussion about how the Adopt-a-Road program will compliment the Litter Clean Up event. She has been checking into pricing for safety vests. The Commission was supportive of her efforts.	
7D	AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: BC Budget 2014/2015 Priorities	Charmaine Kettler-Schmult reviewed information that had been distributed prior to the meeting. Discussions about funding new programs, Litter Clean Up and Adopt-a-Road ensued. A few Commissioners questioned the proportion of funding allocated to the BC Awards Program. Jeff Stewart proposed allocating \$400 to the Litter Clean Up and \$175 to the Adopt-a-Road program in the new budget. This caused concern about the Awards Program not being sufficiently funded. The budget discussion will be brought back to the agenda in April or May.	MOTION BY: Betti Pool SUPPORT BY: Jeff Stewart Request an increase in funding of \$700 from City Council for the next fiscal year. Vote 9-1. Lincoln Avery advocated increasing the amount to \$1,000. AMENDED MOTION BY: Betti Pool SUPPORT BY: Jeff Stewart Request an increase in funding of \$1,000 from City Council for the next fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED: 10-0
7E	AGENDA ITEM: Old Business: Fall Plant Swap	Betti requested a banner for the Plant Swap.	
8A	AGENDA ITEM: New Business:	None	
9.	PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None	
10.	COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:	Abe asked about driveway approach maintenance. Betti Pool noted the lights along 12 Mile looked new. Jeff Stewart was concerned about the construction debris that was blowing into Thirteen Mile from the new subdivision at 13 Mile, east of Halsted. Triman was concerned about low lighting at the north crosswalk of Halsted and Grand River. She said it is difficult to see pedestrians at that crosswalk.	
11.	ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Beautification Commission Liaison	