

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

May 18, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

Via Teleconference

Zoom webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369455225>

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Approved
6/15/2021

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. by Chair Jennifer Chinn.
- 2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
Beautification Commissioners Present:
Carol Kurth, Farmington Hills, MI; Jennifer Chinn, Farmington Hills, MI; Kathie Brown, Farmington Hills, MI; Rita Roberts, Farmington Hills, MI and Jawahar Babu, Farmington Hills, Sherry Jones, Farmington Hills (joined at 6:26 P.M)
Beautification Commissioner Absent: Katherine Massey and Betti Pool
Others Present: Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Ann Arbor, MI – staff liaison: Valerie Knol, Farmington Hills, MI – City Council liaison.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 16, 2021** – Motion by Carol Kurth, second by Kathie Brown to approve the minutes as presented:
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Kathie Brown, Rita Roberts, Carol Kurth, Jawahar Babu and Jennifer Chinn.
Nays: None
Absent: Sherry Jones, Katherine Massey and Betti Pool
Approved 5-0
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
Charmaine said the Plant Swap press release was placed in the Detroit News, the Farmington Observer and the Michigan Gardener.
- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Motion by Kathie Brown, second by Carol Kurth to approve the agenda of May 18, 2021 with the outlined additions.
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Carol Kurth, Kathie Brown, Rita Roberts, Jawahar Babu and Jennifer Chinn
Nays: None
Absent: Sherry Jones, Katherine Massey and Betti Pool
Approved 5-0
- 6. REVIEW OF CALENDAR** – The Commissioners reviewed the calendar.
Betti Ok'd September 18 for Fall Plant Swap. Jen will talk to Brendon Nolan about date for Fall Shrub/Tree sale soon and if possible, coordinate the date with the Fall Plant Swap.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Draft BC Annual Report 2020 and BC Goals for 2021 (enclosure)**
 - In the 2021 goals, Kathie suggested adding the 9/18/21 as the Fall Plant Swap date.
 - Under Tree City USA Certification, the recommendation to officially recognize Arbor Day needs to be forwarded to City Council so the month of April will change to June.
 - Costick Center Planting goal for 2021 will be removed.Motion by Carol Kurth, second by Jawahar Babu to approve the BC Annual Report 2020 and BC Goals for 2021 with corrections:
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Carol Kurth, Kathie Brown, Rita Roberts, Jawahar Babu and Jennifer Chinn
Nays: None
Absent: Sherry Jones, Katherine Massey and Betti Pool
Approved 5-0

The report can be transmitted without a presentation to City Council.

B. Spring Clean Up 2021

There were 28 groups with 210 people that participated in the city-wide cleanup. This included participants from subdivisions, AAUW members, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. A press release on the success of the event will be assembled for distribution to media outlets. Staff will send highlights to Valerie to share with the City Council.

C. Spring Plant Swap

This will occur at the south Heritage Park parking lot on Saturday, May 22 from 8:30 – 10:30. Betti Pool will host. Sherry Jones had posted 15 flyers and with the other aforementioned publicity, we hope to have a big crowd.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Beautification Commission Awards Program

- Nomination form information will be sent out in May. An announcement can be made at the City Council meeting, on Facebook, in the Costick Center Messenger, on Nextdoor and at the COHA meeting on May 27.
- We will do the awards but not sure if we'll have an in-person ceremony. We'll have to see how Covid is progressing. Valerie suggested we hold it at the HAWK. We'd like to see the venue first.
- Jenn mentioned an Oakland County Water resource presenter could be a good option.
- Betti will contact a floral arranger closer to the banquet.
- Valerie suggested having someone come to speak about the deer population, wildlife management but Jennifer thought that could be a topic covered in the 2022 goals instead.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – None

11. Motion to ADJOURN by Sherry Jones, second by Carol Kurth at 7:04 PM.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Carol Kurth, Sherry Jones, Kathie Brown, Jawahar Babu, Rita Roberts and Jennifer Chinn

Nays: None

Absent: Katherine Massey and Betti Pool

Approved 6-0.