

MEETING MINUTES  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 19, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

**CALL TO ORDER BY:** Alex Clar at 6:07 PM. in the City Hall Community Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rita Roberts, Betti Pool, Kathie Brown, Alex Clar, Jarel Readous. Robert Levine, JoAnn Rowland.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jawahar Babu.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison, Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Pool, second by Brown to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried: 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Roberts, second by Pool, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024 as submitted. Motion carried: 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Keep Michigan Beautiful and the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan are holding their Spring Celebration at the Gazebo Banquet Center in Warren on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 which covers the lunch and presentations by two speakers.
- B. We received a donation request from Keep Michigan Beautiful.
- C. A roster was distributed with new Commissioners, Robert Levine and JoAnn Rowland, who are filling two vacant seats.

**REVIEW OF CALENDAR**

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar.

**OLD BUSINESS ITEM**

- A. Final BC Annual Report 2023 and Goals for 2024
  1. Final version and funding request letter will be presented to council at a City Council Meeting. Clar will present the Annual Report and Goals, Brown will present the letter. They will decide which meeting to attend, either 3/25, 4/8, 5/13.
- B. Commission Funding Letter to City Council
  1. During the past ten years our expenses have averaged \$5,500 for all our events. We are provided with yearly budget of \$2,500 and are requesting another \$4,500 to cover our events. Motion by Clar, second by Readous, to approve presentation of the funding letter to City Council as amended. Motion Carried 7-0.
- C. Tree City Update
  1. DPW will provide Tree City application information as soon as they are able.
- D. Natural Beauty Road Update
  1. Emmanuel distributed a pamphlet and City ordinance on Natural Beauty Roads.
- E. BC Awards Location Update
  1. Longacre 10/17/24 for Awards Ceremony.
- F. Litter Walk – Brown will be giving a short presentation about the Litter Walk at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Community Health on March 19th hoping to secure

more participants. Press releases advertising Litter Walk on all City formats are posted. 100 volunteers have responded so far. Registration deadline is March 29. Brown may send out the info again closer to the due date. Roberts and Readous to call some Team Leaders from last year's Litter Walk. Readous asked to hold April meeting at DPW to pack bags and allow new commissioners to have a tour of the yard. Emmanuel to check if that's possible this year.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Knol proposed a presentation about the deer population with either an employee from Special Services or the DNR as presenter(s) for the BC Awards. Knol noted that this was done in the past at the HAWK and it was very informative.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Pool asked Emmanuel to email her the Spring Plant Swap flyer .Levine suggested the Michigan Clean Water Corps Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program Grant as an alternative to the Litter Walk since the BC budget is tight.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 16, 2024

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY:** Chair Clar at 7:14 PM