

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## Beautification Committee Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2023 MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

Chairman John Hanley called the meeting of the Beautification Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Present were: Chairman John Hanley, Lois Duran, Gary Duran, Bob Starzyk, Bob Grossart, Eileen Lunter, Anne Girzadas, Denise Hyker, Jan Collopy, Alderman Key, and Recording Secretary Ashley Pala. Two new members joined the Committee Sharon Voytek and Joanne Miller. There was one member of the public Clara Van Howe.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Bob Grossart motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the September 22, 2022, seconded by Bob Starzyk. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanley mentioned the need of new projects within the City.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Keep Palos Heights Beautiful: Eileen Lunter***

- Bridget Provost was able to set the date for the annual recognition night for October 26, 2023 at Lake Katherine. Conversation was had to move the date to the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Chairman Hanley said that can be discussed at a later date.

#### ***Adopt-A-Pot: Denise Hyker***

- The budget was set to include additional pots for the 2023 year.
- Palos Gardens Association wants to purchase 5 pots. Discussion was had of how to proceed since they are unincorporated.
- The date of May 20, 2023, is set for planting. Volunteers are needed.

#### ***Car Classic Event: Bob Starzyk***

- There has not been a meeting for the Car Classic Committee in 2023 yet.
- This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Car Classic Event.
- The date for 2023 has been set for July 20, 2023.
- Gary Duran stated he is working on finalizing a band for the event and Alderman Key volunteered to deliver the trophies to the Mayor and Alderman prior to the event.

#### ***Public Arts Commission: Lynda Schiappa***

- Chairman Hanley stated he received a report from Lynda and will be forwarding to committee members for review.

### **Public Comment**

Clara Van How brought to the Committees attention that the dedication of her granddaughter Amanda's mural was stolen. Clara stated she spoke to Ken Busse and Public Works. She was advised by Ken Busse to attend the Beautification Committee in hopes of having the dedication plaque replaced. Chairmen

Hanley stated he will be meeting with Ken Busse to discuss further.

### **Old Business**

Dedication of the Art Garden still needs to occur. Denise stated it would be best to wait until June when the flowers are in full bloom. Denise will reach out to Mary to discuss a date.

### **New Business**

Anne Girzadas contacted Lake Katherine to seek out projects for the Beautification Committee. The idea of partnering with Lake Katherine during the Arbor Day event. Lake Katherine will be offering residents the opportunity to purchase trees. There will be twenty trees available for purchase for \$100.00 per tree. The Beautification Committee can donate a portion of the funds to allow a lower price for the residents. Alderman Key stated there possible is a system in place with Public Works for discounts for tree purchases. Director of Lake Katherine Gareth Blakesley informed Ann Girzadas that they will be selling Oak trees. Denise Hyker spoke to Vince who stated the best Oak tree to grow in our area is a Red Oak tree.

Anne Girzadas motioned to sponsor \$1,000.00 for the Arbor Day event at Lake Katherine, seconded by John Hanley. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Anne Girzadas contacted the City of Palos Heights Public Works Department to seek out projects. Public Works is looking to extend the banner program. After discussion, the Committee determined further information is needed.

The Committee motioned to table the banner program discussion until the March 23, 2023 Beautification Committee meeting.

Anne Girzadas contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to seek out projects. Joe Smith stated they are looking to upgrade the landscaping around the pool. After discussion, the Committee came to the decision that that is not a project that falls under the Beautification Committee.

John Hanley was made aware of the future installation of a Memorial Garden at the Palos Heights Police Department. The garden would be dedicated to those who have passed from the Palos Heights Police Department. As the PD supports the Beautification Committee and protects the City, the committee was in full support of donating funds to honor those who have passed.

Bob Starzyk motioned to donate \$3,000.00 to the City of Palos Heights Police Department for the Memorial Garden, seconded by Eileen Lunter. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

John Hanley discussed that there will be a Volunteer Recognition Wall installed in the lobby of City Hall. The Committee discussed the importance of volunteers within the community and that it is important that they are recognized.

John Hanley motioned to donate \$3,000.00 to the City of Palos Heights for the Volunteer Recognition Wall, seconded by Jan Collopy. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Denise Hyker mentioned the need for new and improved landscaping around the gazebo as it is utilized by the public often and for City events.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Gary Duran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anne Girzadas. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary