

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Beautification Committee Meeting Thursday, March 23, 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: Bob Starzyk, Bob Grossart, Bridget Provost, Vince Petrosius, Eileen Lunter, Denise Hyker, Jan Collopy, Joanne Miller, and Recording Secretary Ashley Pala.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Grossart motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 26 ,2023, seconded by John Hanley. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman's Report

No report.

Committee Reports

Keep Palos Heights Beautiful: Eileen Lunter

- Bridget Provost will follow up with Eileen Lunter to move the annual recognition night to Wednesday, October 25, 2023.
- Eileen is open for suggestions for adding additional categories. Discussion of adding fences occurred. John Hanley spoke of the business Quality Plus for going above and beyond.

Adopt-A-Pot: Denise Hyker & Vince Petrosius

- Vince discussed different flowers to be added to the pots and educated the committee on the damage that can occur from water boiling in the pots.
- Denise stated 11 pots have already been sponsored. She questioned if it was possible to purchase additional pots. After discussion, the Committee agreed to purchase 10 additional pots.

Bob Grossart motioned to purchase ten additional planting pots, seconded by Bridget Provost. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Car Classic Event: Bob Starzyk

- There will be 400 goodie bags this year.
- The next meeting for the Car Classic Event is April 20, 2023.
- Bob was asked to be the grand marshal at the 4th of July parade.
- A new banner is needed for the parade.

Lake Katherine: Bridget Provost

- Lake Katherine is thriving as they are really busy and have many people on the trail daily.

Public Arts Commission: Lynda Schiappa

No report.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

- The Committee discussed participating in the banner program with the Public Works Department. It was decided that Beautification will not be participating.
- The Art Garden dedication for Ed Dombrowski will be on June 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

New Business

- Vince and Denise expressed interest in completing landscaping work around the gazebo. Chairman Hanley suggested adding additional lighting.
- Bob Starzyk discussed the potential project of installing a sound system along the downtown strip of Harlem Avenue. He will discuss further with the Mayor.
- The plaque for Amanda's mural was stolen. Bob Grossart questioned if it is a possibility that it would be covered under the insurance policy. Chairman Hanley stated he will speak to Ken Busse for further information.
- Denise provided the Committee with images of 20-32 ft. lighted Christmas trees that could potentially be utilized in the municipal lot for the holidays. The committee discussed the price, location, and desired aesthetic for the tree. This will be discussed at the next meeting on May 25, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hanley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Grossart. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary