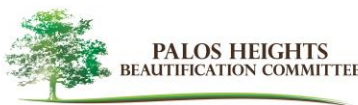


CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Beautification Committee Meeting April 28, 2021 MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman John Hanley called the meeting of the Beautification Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104/106 at the Recreation Center. Present were: Alderman Jeff Key, Bob Grossart, Lois Duran, Jan Collopy, Anne Girzadas, Jan Elsner, Denise Hyker, Lynda Schiappa, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Grossart motioned to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting, seconded by Denise Hyker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanley welcomed everyone. He talked about the updated mission statement and said Anne Girzadas will discuss at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Keep Palos Heights Beautiful: Eileen Lunter

Eileen gave an update on the program. The updated flyer will be advertised in the City's upcoming newsletter. If you see a beautiful home or business, please contact Eileen with the address.

Car Classic Event: Bob Starzyk

Anne Girzadas was present to give the update:

There will be a split-the-pot raffle on July 15. Presale tickets will be sold at the Farmer's Market. Sponsorship forms have gone out. There will be another meeting soon.

Update submitted by Bob Starzyk:

The sponsor request letter has been prepared and distributed to a couple of people. Prior sponsors are in. David did the artwork for Raffle tickets. The raffle will be a "split the pot" only; no other prizes. Tickets will be black and white and printed in card stock (to keep costs down, in case we can hold the Raffle).

Anne Girzadas made a motion to approve a \$1,000 annual scholarship to be awarded to a student of the Automotive Program at Moraine Valley Community College, seconded by Denise Hyker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lake Katherine:

Alderman Key made the update. The Lake Katherine parking lot expansion project is back in the planning process. The project should happen in 2023. A discussion ensued about the bike path at Lake Katherine. Safety concerns were raised, especially with regard to a portion of the path that runs through the parking lot. Possible solutions were discussed, including painting bike lanes. Alderman Key will follow up.

Public Arts Commission: Lynda Schiappa

Linda said the next meeting is May 4th. The Public Arts sign on the veterinary building was originally supposed to be a mural, but the property owner did not want anything painted on a building so the sign was a compromise.

Business/Economic Advisory: Bob Grossart

Bob Grossart discussed the Fusion 59 program. This committee authorized \$6,000 in grants for the program. The completed projects have been a success. Prime Meats is planning a summer program and Noral Jewelers will be signing up soon. We are looking for 5 businesses for the Fall semester.

Holidays in the Heights has been discussed but planning is difficult due to being unsure about COVID restrictions. Capacity limits are an issue with the tents. There will be another committee meeting in June/July to decide if the event will happen this year.

Lynda Schiappa suggested an alternative event idea – like a holiday light show or walk-through light show. Could possibly be held at Lake Katherine.

Adopt-A-Pot: Denise Hyker

Denise said everything is ready to go. Vince has been working with Denise and Katie from Public Works. Katie is a tremendous asset and her assistance is much appreciated. The program currently has 24 pot sponsors. Last year there were 36 and the prior year had approximately 40 pots. Planting day is May 15 at 8am.

Public Comment – none.

Old Business

None.

New Business

John Hanley welcomed back Jan Elsner.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 9 at 7pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hanley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise Hyker. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary