

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## Special Beautification Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 7, 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, Eileen Lunter, Jan Collopy, Brian Bohne, Anne Girzadas, Sharon Voytek, Joanne Miller, and Recording Secretary Ashley Pala.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Bob Starzyk motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 23 ,2023, seconded by Anne Girzadas. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **Chairman's Report**

There was amazing help at the planting day for Adopt-A-Pot. This is the last meeting before the Classic Car Event.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- The nomination form has been published in multiple outlets including The Regional, the City newsletter, and paper copies are available at City Hall.

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

- Denise Hyker provided the Committee with an email outlining the Adopt-A-Pot outcome for 2023.
- Denise stated that Katie Blood and Public Works staff helped in numerous ways. There were 11 students from Chicago Christian High School that volunteered the day prior.
- All 65 pots plus 11 corner pots were all sponsored.
- Discussion will be had between the Committee and Public Works to determine if more pots are able to be maintained by the City in years to come.

Jan Collopy motioned to payment to Vince's Flowers in the amount of \$4,848.00 for Adopt-A-Pot supplies, seconded by Eileen Lunter. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Sponsorship has dropped since last year. Last year the sponsorship was slightly under \$12,000.00. Currently, it is at \$7,500.00.
- Jan is receiving quite a few volunteers for the evening.
- The goal is to receive the shirts earlier this year.
- Discussion was had to contact businesses that have sponsored in the past.
- Discussion was had to post the event in The Regional.

#### ***Lake Katherine: Bridget Provost***

- Anne Girzadas discussed the latest Green Team event that took place on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Clean Up Day collected a lot of trash. Katie Blood from Public Works helped with the event by providing

gloves, bags, vests, and her time. The program was organized and advertised through Lake Katherine.

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

No report.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Old Business**

- The Art Garden will be dedicated to Ed Dombrowski on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. An invitation will be sent to elected officials.
- Chairman Hanley will discuss the purchase of an artificial lighted Christmas tree with Maria Decaprio-Sunta of the Public Arts Commission.

**New Business**

- Chairman Hanley will meet with City Administrator David Strohl to discuss the idea of having a program for residents. On private property, if a resident cuts down a dead tree, the Beautification Committee would reimburse the resident for a portion of the expenses. Anne Girzadas will be in touch with Finance Director Jan Colvin to discuss the funds available to do this project.
- Chairman Hanley discussed if the City is in need of a bike repair stand. Brian Bohne stated there is one by Community Park. Anne Girzadas will determine if there is a need for a second one.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Bob Starzyk moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jan Collopy Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary