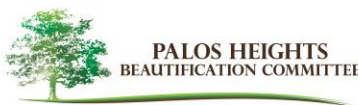


CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Beautification Committee Meeting June 9, 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, Jan Collopy, Jan Elsner, Denise Hyker, Eileen Lunter, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Grossart motioned to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting, seconded by Jan Collopy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanley welcomed everyone. He shared a full page story in the Regional, covering the Adopt-a-Pot program. It was a very nice article.

Mission Statement

The statement was distributed and discussed. There were no revision suggestions.

Purchase of Additional Pots for Adopt-a-Pot Program

Denise Hyker reported that a few of the pots were damaged by age. We don't need them for this year, but will need for next year.

Bob Grossart motioned to approve the purchase of replacement pots at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Jan Collopy. On a voice vote the motion passed.

New City Administrator

The Committee would like to invite the new City Administrator, David Strohl, to the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Keep Palos Heights Beautiful: Eileen Lunter

Eileen gave an update on the program. The flyer will be advertised in the City's upcoming newsletter. There will also be an article in the Regional. If you see a beautiful home or business, please contact Eileen with the address. Eileen is waiting to hear back from Bridget at Lake Katherine about scheduling a date for Award Night. Denise suggested scheduling awards for the Summertime, so we can offer a tour of the winning homes & businesses. Eileen said it would be too late to plan for this year, but will keep in mind for next year.

Car Classic Event: Bob Starzyk

Jan Collopy was present to give the update:

Public Works will help with tents and tables. Sponsorship is great. We are looking for a dj. We are in desperate need of Block Captains. June 17 is the next meeting. Margaret Carey will find out who receives the emails that are sent to carclassic@palosheightspd.org. This is the email address listed on the volunteer form.

Lake Katherine:

No update.

Public Arts Commission: Lynda Schiappa

No update.

Business/Economic Advisory: Bob Grossart

Bob Grossart discussed the Fusion 59 program. The grant program is going great. 2 businesses received a \$600 grant and they also joined the Chamber. Prime Meats and Noral Jewelers will be participating in summer program. We are looking for 4 businesses for the Fall semester. There will be a new Fusion 59 Program in the fall with approximately 30 students. They will work on major projects. They will be doing a project for Lake Katherine.

BEAC will meet on June 23rd to discuss Holidays in the Heights. The event costs approximately \$23,000.00 to produce and so we want to be certain before we commit. Our plan is to collect vendor payments by September 30th. If we cannot have the event, the money will be refunded. We would need to make a deposit and reserve tents by June/July.

Adopt-A-Pot: Denise Hyker

Denise said 50 pots were sponsored this year. That is the highest number ever. We had a great team. Vince jumped right in. The pots look great. We are at the max now with number of pots. If we want to expand the program, we need to order additional pots.

Ed Dombrowski Memorial

The Mayor asked us to come up with verbiage for a memorial plaque that will be placed on a large rock in the Art Garden. Denise distributed the 1st draft and committee members discussed. Denise will make changes and submit to the Mayor.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Landscape Grants

Eileen Lunter was contacted by a resident of Palos Pines to inquire about a landscape grant for the subdivision entrance. The Committee was unclear about program guidelines. Margaret Carey will research past meeting minutes to try to find information and will also speak with the Finance Department.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 11 at 7pm.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary