

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Beautification Committee Meeting Thursday, June 30, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman John Hanley called the meeting of the Beautification Committee to order at 7:04 p.m. in Room 104-106 at the Recreation Center. Present were: Chairman John Hanley, Anne Girzadas, Bridget Provost, Vince Petrosius, Gary Duran, Eileen Lunter, Denise Hyker, Lois Duran, and Recording Secretary Ashley Pala.

Approval of Minutes

Anne Girzadas motioned to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Gary Duran. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanley welcomed everyone. He started the meeting by stating the Public Arts Commission's board looks very nice which features Jean Gnap's book Little Turtle Gets Lost.

Committee Reports

Keep Palos Heights Beautiful: Eileen Lunter

- Eileen requested that Ashley place the Keep Palos Heights Beautiful Nomination flyer in the August newsletter
- Suggestions were made to find a member to promote and post for social media
- Recommendations to deliver information on Facebook pages such as Palos Heights Moms or Next Door Neighbor

Adopt-A-Pot: Statement written by Denise Hyker & Vince Petrosius

- Katie Blood and public works did a fantastic job placing the pots throughout the city as well as watering them.
- There was a fantastic turn out this year with a lot of helpers and Jeff Key lead a presentation.
- There were 58 pots adopted and 52 were purchased (2 damaged) leaving 50 pots available.
- Multiple new members sponsored pots this year including but not limited to Chesterfield Interior Designs, Kerry Funeral Home, and ProMedica sponsored two (2) pots.
- Anne questioned the lifespan of the pots. Vince stated it is weather dependent.
- Denise thanked Vince for his great work. Vince stated it was a team effort.

Car Classic Event: Gary Duran

- Preparation for the event is on schedule.
- Tickets are being sold at the farmer's market and on the celebration on July 3, 2022.
- There is expected to be 400-500 cars from 5-9pm on July 21, 2022.
- Lois stated the shirts will be purple this year.

Lake Katherine: Bridget Provost

- A multitude of events are occurring at Lake Kathrine this summer: summer camps, canoe + kayak, Herb Garden Soiree, Tom Sawyer Fishing, fishing day, walk in the waterfall, overnight

camping, adult nature walks, and watching the July 3rd fireworks on the balcony.

- Lake Kathrine held an Ovarian Cancer Walk where butterflies were released. There were masseuses available for survivors. There were also activities such as painting.

Public Arts Commission: John Hanley

- He stated there is a mosaic turtle that should be making an appearance at Lake Kathrine to add to this display of Jean Gnap's book Little Turtle Gets Lost. Jean Gnap's son will also be present.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

Was requested that Ashley contact Mayor Straz to ask when a good date/time is for rededication of the art garden.

New Business

Anne mentioned she is on the committee for the Green Team. They are planning for Earth Day and Arbor Day next year to have oak trees available for purchase for residents. She suggested the Beautification Committee to be involved and possibly assist with the financial aspect. Vince requested more details of the type of tree and age of trees being sold. Anne will speak with Gareth of concerns.

Denise noticed there are evergreen trees dying in the community. She suggested possibly reimbursing portions of the tree removal costs to home owners if they decide to take down the trees. Anne suggested calling public works and to read if ordinances exist on dying trees in the city.

Denise motioned to recommend approval to order five (5) additional pots for Adopt-A-Pot in 2023 at the cost of \$500.00 per pot, seconded by John Hanley. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, John Hanley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anne Girzadas. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary