

Minutes of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting
June 1, 2015

In attendance: Tomiko Aoki, Pat Baker, Claudine Brissonnet, Jim Gallogly, Nadia Golinski, Nachi Hirato, Liliana Miyahara, Donna Moak, Diane Pittaway and Janet Young

Diane welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She commented that we have had a very busy week.

Diane advised that Koaki is unable to continue on the Commission as she is having trouble with arthritic hands.

Bob Hayes is resigning because he has moved to Livonia and is still working.

Terry Snyder will be joining us, but advised Diane she was not able to be here today.

Southeastern Michigan Beautification Commission - Diane asked Terry to accompany her to the June 18th luncheon. It turned out that the speaker is Terry's husband's cousin. They will be attending.

Address List - Janet would like to know who has been sworn in before she creates a new address list. Kevin will continue to help with the deadheading.

Minutes - Donna noticed that the date needs to be added on the May 4, 2015 Minutes. With that addition, Pat made a motion to accept. Janet seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Sally is not here, but there are probably a lot of outstanding bills with all of our recent plantings, etc. Our next meeting is Monday, June 29; by then Sally should have received all of the bills.

Plantings:

City Hall - June 3 - The planting of the geraniums will take place at 8:30. Donna and Nadia will do. Diane thought that SueMarie Klimek would be there to help.

Barrel Plantings - All the barrels were planted on May 28. The smaller barrels at the DPW yard and the triple barrels were planted in place by bringing the materials to each location. Members who participated: Nachi, Tomiko, Liliana, Nadia, Julie and Diane. Guests: Claudine and Yuka Morita. Garden Club: Sue Woodsum, Kathy Galarneau, Pam, and SueMarie Klimek.

Allen Terrace - On May 29, Nachi, Liliana, Tomiko, Claudine and Nachi's guests planted Allen Terrace.

Center Street Island - Was planted by Nachi, Tomiko, Liliana, and Nachi's guest, Tamani Agusa.

Well Site - This will be done on Thursday, June 4 at 8:30. Diane will talk to Tracy about a Rotary Club work day to spread the mulch. Maybe we can get their help with the buckthorn. Our understanding is that Michael from Rotary knows how to identify buckthorn. We need help with this. There was very little garlic mustard here this year, so we must have done a good job clearing it out last year.

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Hutton and Main - We will plant Thursday, June 11, at 8:30. Lori needs to have her guys get the soil ready.

Bed at the back of Long's - Pat looked at this area and said that it has weeds and a half-dead bush. Pat suggests a flowering tree or bush (lilac?) with pachysandra so that it does not have to be planted every year. Callie suggested we use native plants. We will look at and consider.

Nachi's Corner - No update at this time, but Nachi will keep us posted. Also, Julie is supposed to look at this area.

Griswold Street Sign - Pat said that she looked at and someone had trimmed the bushes and it doesn't look too bad.

Eight and Center - Diane hasn't figured out what to do with this area yet. Terry will consider and Nadia said she would help out. We are not sure whether or not Linda Lestock (who helped with this area in the past) is coming back into town this year.

Rural Hill Entrance - Diane will look into this and see what needs to be done.

Photography - Thanks so much to Gary Haas for his beautiful photos and for coming out both Thursday and Friday (May 28 and 29) as we planted.

Best in Town Sign - A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Nachi that we use the flower laurel that Donna suggested (or something close) for the Best in Town sign. Donna will work with the printer on this.

T-shirts - Diane ordered some more.

Guest Members - We have two new guest members — Yuka Morita (who helped with the DPW planting) and Humiko Matashima (who hasn't been able to plant yet.) Kamami is also a guest member from the Garden Club who will come on June 11.

Budget - Jim advised us that money is tight because it is the end of the fiscal year, but the new budget begins July 1.

Deadheading Schedule - Pat will get the deadheading schedule out by next week. Everyone should look at planters this week as we go by and deadhead if needed.

Award Evaluation Sheets - Diane shared the new form that she would like to use for judging the Beautification Awards.

Nachi made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Tomiko seconded. The meet was adjourned.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 29, 2015 (instead of the Monday following the 4th of July weekend.)

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Moak