

## Minutes of City of Northville Beautification Commission Meeting October 3, 2016

**Attendance:** Tomiko Aoki, Doug Bingham, Jim Gallogly, Nadia Golinski, Gary Haas, Sally, Hayes, Nachi Hirato, Yumi Kudo, Callie Milroy, Liliana Miyahara, Kei Sakakida, and Terry Snyder

Diane welcomed everyone with congratulations for another active year of influencing the outdoor beauty of Northville. She had forwarded everyone a copy of an article in the City News by Liz Cezat entitled "Beautification commission enhances City with colorful flowers and plants." Liz aims to promote BC in future articles. The article was accompanied with a photo of the our newly restored Center & 8 Mile Street area. The copy was passed around.

Diane announced that she is awaiting the final approval of Yumi's and Kei's membership application which should be any day. Thank you Yumi and Kei for your generous help!

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August 29, 2016 meeting were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sally explained that invoices had been assigned for the correct disbursements. Some are paid by DDA and Allen Terrace pays for their flowers. Though we had the extra expense of the Seedling Giveaway, we are within budget.

Invoices for the luncheon will be deducted from our ceremonial budget. Sally will have those recorded as soon as everyone gives her receipts.

**SEMBC:** We will be receiving 2 more invitations for luncheons before our start up next year. Diane encourages everyone to attend if possible. She will notify of the dates when the invitations are received.

### **2016 Projects Review:**

**Deadheading:** Nachi organized the schedule up to the end of the season. The barrel plants plus Beautification workers had a tough season with the heat but the City looked beautiful all the way through September. Thanks Nachi and everyone who helped with barrel maintenance!

**City Hall geraniums:** Nadia has faithfully kept up the beautiful geraniums every week along with the barrel by DDA. Thank you, Nadia! Also, Nadia completely weeded and cleaned the lily bed. Only a final cleaning will be needed in late fall with mulch application.

**Rural Hill Cemetery Entrance:** Diane hopes to get a DPW crew member to help weed the grass line and spread fresh mulch.

**Rotary Park/Well Site:** Rotary president, Patrick Giesa, will get members to help with a final fall clean up around the gazebo as soon as Diane contacts him that she has the mulch.

**Luncheon:** Luncheon was enjoyed by all. We had more winners show up than in the past. Callie prepared a charming photo album which she will continue to add to throughout the year. Great idea and way to share our efforts –thanks, Callie! Diane thanked everyone for taking care of every detail for the luncheon to make it a success. Terry will help deliver some award certificates.

**8 Mile & Center St:** Gary, Nadia, Nachi, Tomiko, Liliana, Yumi, Kei, and Diane showed up on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> to implement Terry's plan. The outcome was better than imagined and in time for the Heritage Festival on the weekend. Thank you all and especially Terry for time, effort, and work preparing the plan and the materials.

Before the end of this year Terry hopes to finish leveling and applying fresh mulch to one of the beds with a single tree. What is desperately needed is a Round-up spray on the pavers and along the surrounding side walk. Though we pulled them all by hand, they are already growing back. Jim said he will make sure this is done.

**Member List & Badges:** Tomiko and Liliana have provided an up-to-date member list and badges for everyone. Thank you Liliana and Tomiko!

#### **Plans for Next Year:**

Diane plans to research options for plantings that will not require the degree of deadheading we have had. She will meet with Lori Ward about the color pallet and plant selections.

A Seedling-Giveaway will not be scheduled until 2018. Callie has volunteered to be our representative for that.

For our award program, Terry plans to prepare a letter for all businesses and organizations to encourage them to participate and explain our judging guidelines. We will be able to review this in April and decide how to disperse the information.

Long's parking lot bed will be studied for another winter to determine if a ground cover could survive snow plow deposits. If not, we will just mulch the area. Callie will advise us in the spring.

The Griswold Welcome to Northville sign is the last remaining, long-standing project. Some discussion expressed that repainting is probably necessary which will put the expense beyond our budget. We will need to revisit this project next year. Another possible project along Griswold south of Main may be considered next year.

**NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup>

Motion and second for adjournment followed.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Pittaway