

Beautification Commission Minutes
Monday, July 26, 2021
5:30 pm
Novi Civic Center
45175 10 Mile Rd.
Mayor's Conference Room

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Cindy Seitz, Laura Williams, Celia Todd, Jan Lach, Courtney Opalko, Isaly Szetela, Christen Pietraz

Excused: Shaun Page

Absent: Vinit Gupta

Approval of Minutes: Moved: Isaly, Seconded: Williams

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Isaly, Seconded: Williams

Old Business:

- *Park Entrance Sign adoption*
Victor has confirmed the form is now online. Printed copies will be available in the city offices. There is a hyperlink to invasive species information.
- **Entryway Grant Lawn Signs for Winners**
The signs are ready to be ordered once the project grantees request them.
- **Bus Tour**
This is an event for the Commissioners to review areas of interest around the city. Victor will work with the Parks Department to schedule a bus for a tour to mirror what participants of the Ambassador Program experience.
- **2021 Events and Programs**
 - Cindy will coordinate a weeding and maintenance event at the Butterfly Garden with Rick Meader, City of Novi Landscape Architect.
 - Christen is shepherding an application through the Novi Waste Management department for new signs for the Butterfly Garden. Christen, Cindy and Simone will meet to finalize and submit the application.
 - The winners of the Keep Michigan Beautiful (KMB) grants have not been released. Celia will follow-up about when that may happen. She will also find out when the wildlife certificate (see next bullet) that is part of the grant application must be submitted.
 - Laura will contact the National Wildlife Federation on getting the Wildlife Friendly City certificate and sign that were awarded to Novi but sending was delayed by COVID.
- **Entryway Grant**
Lawn signs will be created after the November Closeout

New Business:

- **Novi Growing Together;** The contact is Alex Weyer. Currently they are exploring the concept of a Seed Library. Per research to date a master gardener is needed to oversee a library. They also are seeking a consistent meeting location. Tollgate may be a possible location going forward.

- Jan Lach volunteer to revise the Entryway Grant program application.

Adjournment: 6:10 pm: Moved by Vinit, Seconded by Laura

Meetings:

~~March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 23, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13~~

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