

**Beautification Commission
Minutes
Monday, August 13, 2018
5:00-6:30 pm
Novi Civic Center**

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

Roll Call: Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Ratna Rao, Jennifer Ryan, Celia Todd, Carolyn Upton, Laura Williams, Lindsay Wyskowski

Excused: Ratna Rao, Lindsay Wyskowski

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Jen, Seconded Colleen

Approval of Agenda: Moved Colleen, Seconded Jen

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed:

1. City of Novi Gateway Adopt-a-Sign Project (Cindy L. & Lindsay)
 - Proposal to be submitted to City Council
 - Members volunteered to photograph Gateways as follows: Jen Haggarty Rd., Colleen Novi Rd. and 8 Mile, Cindy L. Grand River and Wixom, Wendy 14 Mile, Laura Napier Rd. and Cindy H. Beck Rd.
2. National Wildlife Federation Certification (Laura & Colleen)
 - Laura described the timeline she had created and will email a summary to members through Wendy
 - Wildlife Habitats of Oakland (WHO) is working on NWF Certification for Oakland County
 - Jen will work on a brochure
 - Native Plant List will be distributed
 - Group discussed adding bonus points for NWF Certification to qualify for Neighborhood Entryway Grants
3. Neighborhood entrance holiday decorating contests (Jen, Ratna & Cindy H.)
 - Lindsay has drafted a proposal memo
 - Due to timing, the first contest may be for the winter holidays
 - Prize for winning neighborhood could be nursery gift certificate for use in common area
4. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation and Rotary Park Rain Garden maintenance
 - Cindy L. will check with Rick Meader concerning whether another maintenance date is needed in September
5. Library kiosk available for Beautification Commission display
 - Kiosk reserved for month of January
6. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award (Celia)
 - Need to keep records for projects
 - Next year NWF Certification may be considered
 - Neighborhood entryway grants could be submitted

7. Spring 2019 Perennial Exchange
- Planning for day after Spring Palooza

New Business:

Beautification Commission of Southeast Michigan

- Hosting in June 2019 (Ratna, Wendy, Celia & Cindy H.)
- Wendy has recruited speaker, reserved 2 rooms, and will provide documentation for host duties and donation letter
- Carolyn will check with Castles for crafts
- Need volunteers to set up

Open Discussion: Tabled

2019 Novi 50th Anniversary

- City is planning reception for Monday, February 11, 2019
- Diversity theme is being considered

Events:

September 22, 2018 Tollgate Perennial Sale

September 29, 2018, 9:00 am, Fall Plant Exchange, Civic Center near parking in rear

February 11, 2019, 50th Anniversary Reception

May 17, 2019, Spring Palooza, Civic Center Campus

May 18, 2019, Spring Perennial Exchange

June 20, 2019, SE Michigan Beautification Commission Luncheon

Meetings:

September 10, October 8, **November 19**, December 10

2019: January 14, February 4, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 9

Adjournment: 6:30 pm Moved Cindy L., Seconded Celia