

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD  
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday

March 23, 2015

6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

On roll call, at 6:37 pm the following members were present:

Kathryn Brandt - Chair  
Mary Berkholtz  
Sue Bremehr  
Thomas Krauska  
Don Massey - excused  
Ellen Medearis  
Joyce Menning  
Denise Schaedler - absent  
Mary Stadter, Aldermanic Representative

Public visitor:

Josie Green  
Ismaine Ayouaz  
Justin Charboneau

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent  
Todd Stover, Park & Recreation Manager  
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Services  
Mirela Celaj, Project Manager

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Krauska moved to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes. Sue Bremehr seconded with 6 approved and 0 against.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Board of Aldermen Report**

Alderman Stadter reported that at the March 10<sup>th</sup> BOA meeting, there was charter commission appointments. Mayor Roby nominated Alderman Wallach to serve with the charter commission that was voted in at the last BOA meeting. An update on Spellman Park should include the availability of water for possible plantings. Sappington House fees have been adjusted. The Sappington House Foundation would like to discuss ideas with the Beautification Committee for a future joint project on the grounds. Tom Ford, with the Veterans Memorial Committee, would like to have the committee share ideas for beautification of the Memorial space. There are possibilities of having two corporate funded spaces in the City to develop a public garden. Details to be made available at a later time.

## **Staff Report**

Mr. Hibdon reported that the crew is currently working on planting beds of flowers and various bulbs. He has also met with MODOT about the Watson streetscape. Mr. Krauska asked if some of the allocated money could be given to Mr. Hibdon to acquire more bulbs.

## **New Business**

Mr. Krauska shared that he has set up multiple internet sites for the committee and offered to assist anyone in the usage. A few are: [BeautifyCrestwood@gmail.com](mailto:BeautifyCrestwood@gmail.com), [BeautifyCrestwood.org](http://BeautifyCrestwood.org), <https://beautifycrestwood.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/BeautifyCrestwood>. He is also going to also be having a Butterfly Gardening program at the community center, Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. It will be 1-2 hours of helpful information and free to the public.

Brainstorming mission:

Sue Bremehr has chaired and was involved with Festival of trees and Christmas is her favorite season. She shared the possibility of placing a sculpture with plantings in vignettes with the Route 66 theme. Placing markers in meaningful locations in Crestwood's historical areas. Mary Berkholz is interested in the history of Crestwood and in keeping that as a possible theme. Alderman Stadter shared ideas including the painted cows in Chicago and how it can tie a location together. Opening up options for independent fine and graphic artists as contest was mentioned. Kathryn Brandt would like an artist that may be from the community to possibly be involved.

On the gardening topic, there is an interest in starting a community garden. Ellen Medearis spoke of the Community Garden of Eden, where you may have your own plot. Alderman Stadter mentioned that several of the schools have families that could benefit from donations from such a garden. It would be nice to assist people in low income situations as the Rotary Club does with care baskets.

Mary Berkholz mentioned contacting the developers and owners of the strip mall and find out what they would be willing to contribute in the way of beautification improvements to their areas. The idea of native plants is a good one but not sure if they would work well in pots.

A brief discussion was held about prairie and native plants for the city. The Missouri Conservation Department is a resource as well as the Master Gardeners from the Horticulture Department at Meramec Community College. A monthly speaker series would be a positive way to get people involved. Contests for neighborhoods to improve the look of the entrances was revisited and ideas discussed.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Gillam discussed the possibilities for the Watson streetscape. A budget would be established for maintenance. There will be two lanes, and possibly a bike lane. Vegetation is preferred over trees in the improvements and communication with the business owners is important. Personalizing Crestwood and establishing a downtown area is important with a familiar tone continued throughout the City.

Mr. Hibdon mentioned that the U turn ramp on Watson across from the Guitar Center would be a nice place to start a project. A native plant garden is a great possibility and visual safety issues should be considered. Plantings at the pool, which are being installed in the next few weeks would also be an option for the committee to participate in.

**Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Sue Bremehr and seconded by Ellen Medearis. A voice vote was taken with voting 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Naccarato", written in a cursive style.

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KATHY NACCARATO  
Recreation Secretary