

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday

May 18, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, at 6:30 pm the following members were present:

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

Guest: Ismaïne Ayouaz, Park Board Representative

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent
Todd Stove, Park & Recreation Manager
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Works

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Menning moved to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes and Mrs. Berkholtz seconded with 5 approved and 0 opposed.

Public Comment

Mr. Ayouaz discussed the need for a liaison between the Park Board and the Beautification Committee. He also wanted the Committee to articulate and clarify their mission statement. Mrs. Brandt stated that the mission statement had been discussed at the last meeting and is in place.

Board of Aldermen Report

Mrs. Stadter reported that at the May 12th BOA, Alderman Tichlis had to step down due to relocating out of Crestwood. Mayor Roby has recommended a replacement and there will be a closed session tomorrow to determine if seat will be filled. Nick Hill is a new firefighter that has been hired by the City. While Jeff Schwering retired after 24 years of service. It was EMS, National Police and Public Works week with many proclamations and appointments to various committees. There was a resolution to provide notices to convene the tiff.

Staff Report

Mr. Hibdon reported that the staff has recently started planting the annuals. The irrigation systems have been serviced and charged. The Aquatic Center has been readied for the upcoming season. The stage for Whitecliff Summer Playhouse will be constructed on the side parking lot. There are 200 purple and yellow

bulbs available to the Committee that will be stored at the shop. The pavilions in Crestwood Park are being checked out for the possibility of replacement. The costs for trees and benches in the Memorial program is to be increased. A scout group will be working on a project of chipping downed trees in the parks and lining trails.

New Business

None.

Old Business

The jonquil removal at the old Crestwood mall will be scheduled by Ald. Stadter along with a scout troop for May 23, from 9-11am. Mrs. Berkholtz along with Mrs. Bremehr, continue to work on a budget for the upcoming Christmas tree decorating contest. There are many business's starting to become involved including Walgreens and Spectrum. Volunteers are still needed for many aspects of the process and they should contact Mrs. Berkholtz or Mrs. Bremehr. Ald. Stadter mentioned that a strings group called the Fiddlers at Lindbergh, are willing to participate in the meet Santa event. Mrs. Brandt will be updating the web page soon and would like to collect graphics from the committee members before opening it up to various graphic designers.

Mrs. Schaedler has pictures of city hall and is developing a plan to combine the Memorial plantings with the rest of the entrance. Mr. Hibdon will be supervising dead shrubbery removal in the area. Possibilities mentioned for a main focal point were dedicated design by the marquee or a woodland garden setting as people walk into the building. Views of the site and irrigation for updated areas were considered. A motion was made by Mrs. Berkholtz to assign the City Hall project to Mrs. Schaedler and Mr. Massey with possible assistance from Mr. Krauska. It was seconded by Mr. Massey. Five in favor with 0 opposed. There was a discussion about plant placement, type, and color that would be best suited in coordination with irrigation availability. Mrs. Schaedler mentioned that Mr. Wagner, of the Memorial Committee, does want color involved with low growing plants so that the monument will still stand out. She will be showing the proposed ideas to Mr. Ayouaz recommended a specific plan needed to be shared so that everyone could stay focused. Plans are considered to have some color in place by June and further progress in time for Veterans Day, November 11th. Ald. Stadter, along with Mrs. Medearis, are currently working on setting up a 501c3 for the committee. Ideas for volunteers, fundraising and scheduling of project maintenance was briefly discussed. Mr. Hibdon suggested that before the next meeting, members decide where they would like to plant the bulbs that he has in storage. Ald. Stadter asked members to meet at the Macys top parking lot, May 23rd at 8:30 am, to start the jonquil removal.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Menning and seconded by Mrs. Berkholtz. A voice vote was taken with 5 in favor and 0 opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2015, at 6:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



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Recreation Secretary