

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD  
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday

April 27, 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  
Thomas Krauska  
Don Massey - absent  
Ellen Medearis  
Joyce Menning  
Denise Schaedler  
Mary Stadter, Aldermanic Representative

Guest: Bob Wagner, Memorial Committee member

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent  
Tera Baker, Park & Recreation Program Supervisor

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Bob Wagner, a member of the Memorial Committee had questions for the members about the topic of the City Hall planting project. After accessing the memorial area, he requested assistance from the Beautification Committee to bring some color the predominately green site. Mr. Krauska volunteered his assistance. Mrs. Brandt discussed adding that area to the City Hall project to possibly blend the overall look of the site. The committee agreed that his request would be included in the planning of the project. Mr. Wagner stated that the Memorial Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, at 3:00 pm at City Hall in the event any of the committee members would like to attend. Sharing the upcoming ideas for the City Hall site at the meeting was encouraged.

**Board of Aldermen Report**

Alderman Stadter reported that at the BOA meeting, the City of Crestwood was once again declared a Tree City for the 20<sup>th</sup> year, at the arbor day celebration. The plans for the new development in the mall location were released to the public. Special counsel was needed to review them before release. The plans are also on the City website as a first proposal, and several commercial businesses have voiced interest in the

development. The BP at Sappington and Watson roads, had an ordinance passed for 24/7 use so that it can now be redeveloped. An ordinance was passed approving an agreement of exclusive provision for Coca-Cola refreshments. A new pay plan for the City of Crestwood has been approved by the BOA which also met the approval of the Fire Department. The Spellman park planner contract was approved and the renovations for the park will include a water source. There are plans for community garden areas in the new development on the mall property.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Hibdon reported that the crew is currently getting the pool ready to open. A new employee was hired for park maintenance. The WSP stage will be constructed in the near future on the side lot of the community center. The annuals for the planting beds in the park will be arriving on May 11<sup>th</sup> and then planted. There have been two requests for commemorative tree plantings. That is a service the City provides for a fee, to plant a tree or place a bench in a park with an inscribed plaque, in honor of an individual. There is a master plan developed for the amphitheater in Whitecliff Park. It has several phases and will seat about 500 people. Raised terrace concrete and grassy areas are part of the plan. He also mentioned it may be an opportunity to do some planting areas. Spellman Park is getting the playground area resurfaced.

### **New Business**

The mission statement was read by Chairperson Brandt. It states: The mission of the Crestwood Beautification Committee will be to encourage the City and its residents to improve the aesthetics of our City. To plant, beautify, and maintain all public and private spaces in an environmentally sustainable manner, while preserving the history and culture of the City of Crestwood. Our primary responsibilities include, advise the Mayor, the BOA, and other boards, commissions, and staff on issues related to beautification and horticulture, such as plantings in public areas and green space design. Encourage volunteerism in our City to maintain the beautification projects. Encourage local businesses to support and sponsor beautification efforts and also encourage and support the City's compliance as a Tree City USA, by serving the City's Tree Board. Mr. Hibdon questioned the tree board statement in the mission. It was clarified by Mrs. Brandt that it was meant for the group to support the staff services as the tree board. A vote was taken that the committee is going to support the tree board not be the tree board, 7 in favor none against. Recap of Sunshine laws: when replying to emails there needs to be care taken to disperse information and not make plans.

Contact information was dispensed including alternate number for Alderman Stadter. The holiday events that were held last year consisted of the Christmas tree decorating contest and Santa at City Hall. Mrs. Bremehr shared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crestwood MO Holiday Tree Decorating Contest will be held from December 1-31, 2015. There will be 4 gift basket drawings, with the dates being December 9, 16, 23, and January 6<sup>th</sup>. Santa will be coming to Crestwood December 5, and be available from noon until 2:00 pm to visit with and have pictures taken.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Brandt asked Mrs. Denise Schaedler, who is a master gardener, if she would be interested in heading up the City Hall project. Mrs. Schaedler shared that she had taken pictures of the site and was thinking of proper plant placement, types and color that would be suitable. Some of the suggestions were native plants, such as beauty berries. She plans on drawing up a design that encompasses both areas. A budget needs to be established, and the assistance of the gardening members needed. Mr. Krauska moved that Mrs. Schaedler would be in charge of development for the City Hall project, and Mrs. Menning seconded. There were 7 in favor and none opposed. Alderman Stadter shared that the committee might want to look into designing a T-shirt to sell and raise funds for the upcoming projects. She also recommended that a 501C3 be established with several people be on the account and a treasurer be appointed for the group. Mrs. Medearis volunteered to act as treasurer. There was a motion by Mrs. Bremehr to make Mrs. Medearis the

treasurer with Mr. Krauska seconding. The motion passed 7 in favor with none opposed. The money in the budget for the committee would possibly be intended for a substantial piece such as a monument, while plants would be benefitted by fundraising. The \$10,000.00 budget for the committee is available for use through December 31, 2015. Holiday events officially kick off with a media event involving the Mayor at City Hall, the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Details to be announced. Mrs. Bremehr mentioned the Parks department having an event with Santa as well but feels that the events draw two different age groups of children and doesn't believe it's a conflict having something at two different sites. A few sponsors that will be involved will be Office Depot, Spectrum, Walgreens and Environmental Heating and Cooling. The object of sponsors being not to have a budget for the contest. Malone's, Spectrum, Walgreens, Rich and Charlies, Schaefer Auto, Car X, Boardwalk Floors, Dr. Barbara Pfyl, Great Clips, Vaporwize, American Eagle Credit Union and Maid Pro. As business licenses are due this year, each business will be given a letter and application inviting them to participate. Ornaments made at Long and Crestwood Elementary Schools, will be used to decorate the tree at City Hall. Volunteers are still needed to help in all aspects of the project. There was a motion to recognize Mrs. Bremehr and Mrs. Berkholtz to official be in charge of the Christmas tree contest, made by Mrs. Medearis. It was seconded by Mrs. Schaedler. There were 7 in favor and none opposed.

Jonquil removal from the old Crestwood mall was discussed and a date is still to be decided. Alderman Stadter said that the Scout troop 580 will be available to assist in the removal as a service project. There are also several concrete planters that the committee is welcome to have. Mr. Hibdon suggested that the storage of the bulbs and planters could be at the Public Works location until the committee decided on where to best utilize them. May 17, between 9-11:00 am, is the tentative date and time. Mr. Krauska reminded the committee of his Butterfly Gardening event. It will be held at Whitecliff Park Community center, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

### **Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Krauska and seconded by Mrs. Bremehr. A voice vote was taken with voting 7 in favor and 0 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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KATHY NACCARATO  
Recreation Secretary