

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday

June 22, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Guest: Josie Green, Crestwood resident
Greg Hall, Steve & Lisa Sylvestor, of the Prince of Peace Church in Crestwood

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent
Matt Keightly, Park Crew Leader
Todd Stover, Park & Recreation Manager
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Works

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Menning moved to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes and Mrs. Medearis seconded with 6 approved and 0 opposed.

Public Comment

Mrs. Bremehr introduced Greg Hall from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, who has a food pantry in need of donations. There is a plan in place to contribute to the pantry and there was a discussion of ideas for a community garden. Mr. Hall is on the church council at the Prince of Peace and also serves on the Crestwood economic commission. The church did community surveys of agencies and residencies. A community garden to meet the needs of the community was discussed with the Mayor of Crestwood who suggested Mr. Hall meet with the Beautification Committee. He has developed the gardens in several other areas and has experience in making them a success. There is an exploratory committee at the church to try and develop ideas on using the land at the church. Ald. Stadter mentioned that it would be a lovely garden and wonderful way to get the interest of volunteers. Mr. Hall introduced Steve and Lisa Sylvestor who shared their ideas for the garden that the Beautification committee may have interest in getting involved. Mrs. Schaedler asked what type of garden the church was interested in developing. The community interest will eventually determine the size, type, and maintenance needed. Sharing the garden with schools would also be an educational possibility. Alderman Stadter mentioned the possibility of Mr. Krauska establishing a butterfly garden at the location of the church as well.

It was also suggested that spaces could be rented and then offset water costs and other expenses. The timeframe Mr. Hall was working on for the garden would be to plant for next spring. Mr. Hall will be writing an article about the garden and then contacting the City committees to have it placed in the Crestwood newsletter, and on the Beautify Crestwood and Whitecliff Parks and Recreation Facebook pages.

Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Stadter reported that at the June 9th BOA meeting, Blackthorn and Flamingo residents were concerned that King Edwards Chicken and Fish are wanting to move to the old IHOP. They are concerned with children roaming in the area, increased traffic, code enforcement is enforced. Several residents in the City own chickens. There was a proposal to increase the number of hens that can be kept in the City from 3 to 5 chickens. The proposal was passed and now residents can own 5 chickens. There was a suggestion to consider placing a pavilion by the quarry and opening the area up for year round fishing. The BOA chose not to opt out of the sales tax holiday. They also chose not to confirm PGAV for the overall Crestwood redevelopment plan, they will revisit Houseal Lavigne.

Staff Report

Mr. Hibdon reported that all maintenance activities are continuing, while dealing with rain. The planters that were picked up from the old mall, are currently being stored in the public works parking lot. There was an orientation with the Public Services Department for the four new alderman and they were given a tour of buildings and certain street areas that need attention in the City. The mill and overlay project will be starting up in July. Phase II of Spellman road project has been started. Crestwood park pavilion replacement bids are being proposed.

New Business

Mrs. Bremehr reported that all businesses that participated in the *Holiday Tree Decorating Contest* last year are currently being contacted to participate again this year. Details are still in the works for the official kick off of the project with a special visit to Mayor Roby from Santa which will be Friday, July 24th. Mrs. Ann Milford has been working on writing and sending out press releases. Santa, Crestwood resident Mr. Ted Ricks, who served as the Crestwood Mall Santa, is on board for the event. Santa is going to take an invitation to the Mayor for the children of Crestwood to attend the event at City Hall on December 5th. Participants are allowed to take pictures with Santa for free, but this year are encouraged to bring non-perishable food and or personal items to help stock the food pantry operated by the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, which serves Crestwood neighbors. Proceeds from photo packages that Spectrum and Walgreens sponsor, both at the Santa event and throughout the holiday season, will again benefit Toys for Schools. Mrs. Berkholtz is in contact with a graphic artist who has volunteered to help with various items including a "Rate Our Tree" graphic. Holiday project volunteers continue to visit businesses inviting them to participate in the *Crestwood Holiday Tree Decorating Contest* and to sponsor *Santa is Coming to Crestwood*, and/or the tree decorating contest gift blankets.

Mrs. Brandt is updating the Beautify Crestwood Facebook page. It can be found at Crestwood MO Holiday Tree Decorating Contest. Businesses are still needed to sponsor ballot boxes and the winner's plaque. The goal is to have expense free events. Crestview Senior Living Center is excited at the prospect of having their residents tour the local businesses and rate the trees on display. Other senior centers joining in the tours would be welcome. Volunteers and sponsors are still needed all aspects of the events.

Old Business

Mrs. Schaedler reported that there is a sub-committee made of Mrs. Green, Mrs. Menning and Mr. Massey. They will be taking into consideration the requests of the parks department and the memorial committee, to develop the best plan for the plants and different sections of the memorial space and city hall area. Moving

holly bushes, roses bushes, red buds and bulbs that were extracted from the mall, are a few plants to be considered. Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Keightly asked if trees would be near cars or in the eye line that would interfere with Police or Fire department exiting on calls. Also, consideration as to tree placement should be made due to winter salt use and pavement clearing. Mr. Keightly suggested low growing plants, while Mr. Hibdon suggested salt tolerant plants might also be considered. Mr. Hibdon suggested the sub-committee meet with Chief Arnoldy and Chief Menning and get their ideas on the plans.

Bulbs dug up from the parks areas and jonquils from the mall are stored on a trailer at public works. Mrs. Bremehr suggested to make the bulbs available free to public so they wouldn't go to waste. Mr. Keightly said that he can deliver the bulbs to City Hall, and on June 27th at 8:00am, the committee members would be giving them out for free until all of them were gone. At that time information about the Beautification committee could be shared and volunteers possibly acquired.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Schaedler and seconded by Mrs. Menning. A voice vote was taken with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2015, at 6:30. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



KATHY NACCARATO
Recreation Secretary