

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday

July 27, 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 - excused
Thomas Krauska
Don Massey - excused
Ellen Medearis
Joyce Menning - excused
Denise Schaedler
Mary Stadter –excused, Justin Charboneau, Aldermanic Representative

Guest: Josie Green, Crestwood resident

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Works - excused

Approval of Minutes

After corrections, Mr. Krauska moved to approve the June 22, 2015 minutes and Mrs. Schaedler seconded, with 5 approved and 0 opposed.

Public Comment

None.

Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Justin Charboneau recapped what Ald. Stadter reported at the last meeting. An audit report was approved. Spellman Park will be under construction. The numbers were clarified as to how many chickens could be owned in the City. Some concerns by citizens about the Mall project were addressed. The next BOA meeting is July 28th.

Staff Report

Mr. Hibdon reported that a bid for replacement pavilions that will electricity for Crestwood Park, will be discussed at the next BOA meeting. Sanders Park has an MSD Ayers relief project going on that will be completed soon. Mill and overlay work around the City will be finished soon. Spellman Park improvement project will be out to bid with RFB. Tennis courts will be taken out by in house crew. A consultant for the HVAC system is being considered to improve the Community Center and Sappington House.

New Business

Mrs. Brandt discussed the possibility of reimbursing the neighbors that made improvements to the street entrance of Tahiti and Rayburn. Mrs. Green was part of the group and mentioned that they were trying to re-establish a neighborhood association. The experience of building community with the common interest of improving the neighborhoods is most important. There was a discussion on ideas of budgeting money to possibly contribute to the groups that actively plan on improving their street entrances. The amount of possible reimbursement was discussed and also the possibility of have having a contest so that the winners would then get assistance with improvement funding from the committee. Mr. Hibdon suggested to the committee to carefully consider the procedure that they want to follow in approving monies for improvements. The topic of reimbursement of subdivision entrance improvements was tabled for future discussion.

Mrs. Brandt mentioned that the City Clerk informed her that the committee needs to develop a 2016 budget and submit it to Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Stover. Mr. Hibdon will be following up on the subject. Mrs. Schaedler believes that it would be beneficial to include a new project, maintenance of an old project, keeping in mind the holiday contest. Mr. Hibdon mentioned that the community garden, in co-ordination with the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, would be a minimal cost to the committee to be involved. Mrs. Schaedler also mentioned that as it would be a nice project for the committee, associating the Beautification Committee with the garden would be difficult as it would be something that couldn't be controlled. Depending on the structure of the garden will depend on if the committee participates.

Old Business

Mrs. Schaedler developed a proposed plan for City Hall and the Veteran's Memorial on the grounds. The report includes costs and photos of the project in different stages. There was a brief discussion of the initial proposal that included the mission statement, responsibilities, summary of the project, and project phase descriptions.

Mrs. Berkholtz reported that 17 people who attended the bulb give-away on June 27th, expressed interest in volunteering for future Beautification projects. Santa delivered an invitation to Mayor Roby on July 24, for the upcoming Christmas with Santa event. The meeting was mentioned on the local Channel 2 news it may also be mentioned in a newspaper. Paula Kapfer, a graphic artist, designed Santa's letter to Mayor Roby and the City's children. She continues to volunteer her graphic talents as needed. Sarah Belcher at City Hall, will be creating a Holiday Guide on the City's website for any Crestwood business interested in showcasing their special holiday events and products. To date, 18 businesses have entered the tree decorating contest. There are 11 sponsors for the gift baskets. Officemax and Walgreens have been generous with donations. Streib electric is giving the committee \$800.00 toward the construction of the ballot boxes. Jason of Fairway Auto, will be assisting in getting the word out of the upcoming events to other business. Mrs. Medearis would like volunteer/event flyers to be distributed at area nurseries.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Krauska and seconded by Mrs. Medearis. A voice vote was taken with 5 in favor and 0 opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2015, at 6:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



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Recreation Secretary