

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday

April 5, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, at 5:33pm the following members were present:

Catherine Green- Chair
Denise Schaedler
Ellen Medearis
Joyce Menning
Kathryn Brandt
Thomas Krauska
Josie Green
Elaine Tripolitis
Mary Stadter, Aldermanic Representative

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent - excused
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Works-excused
Trisha Hardesty, Parks & Recreation Secretary

Guest: Mary Berkholtz

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krauska moved to approve the March 1, 2016 minutes and Denise Schaedler seconded with 8 approved and 0 opposed.

Public Comment

Mary Berkholtz said that the plants at City Hall look beautiful. On Friday April 8, Christmas in Crestwood will be hosting Cupcakes and Coffee at City Hall between 10am and Noon.

Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Stadter reported that the Board of Aldermen met two weeks ago. There was a second reading and approval of all ordinances pertaining to the mall project. As of that date, they have 90 days to start demolition. They are starting with the interior. Gold's Gym will be moving into the old Best Buy building.

Staff Report

None.

New Business

Plans were made for setting up a table with plants for the food truck event. Alderman Stadter is going to contact someone about parking and dropping off everything the day of the event.

Alderman Stadter recommended a house on Starling for Yard of the Month in Ward 2.

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Old Business

There was a planting day at City Hall on Saturday April 2. There is still more to do. Denise Schaedler recommended another planting day on April 23 and suggested having two days a month dedicated to planting with a schedule for people to sign up to help. This way people can sign up for an hour at a time and not get worn out planting for three hours at a time. There would be a list of tasks that people can choose from. Kathryn Brandt volunteered to set up the plantings on Sign-Up Genius. It was decided that the next planting day at City Hall will be April 23 at 1pm. After that, Denise suggested May 21 and June 3 and then the first Friday and Third Saturday of each month from there. Fridays would be at 10am and Saturdays at 9am.

Josie Green and Catherine Green shared that they went to a neighborhood association meeting at Webster Gardens. It was a good way to meet new people and find new volunteers. Someone at the meeting recommended helping them with their subdivision entrance.

There was discussion about having a raffle at the food truck event. Alderman Stadter also recommended having a banner made to hang on the table at the food truck event.

Alderman Stadter suggested putting a pot of blue plants/flowers at The Barn restaurant during Autism Awareness month with a Beautification Committee sign.

Kathryn Brandt is going to attend the Memorial Committee meeting to make sure everyone is on the same page and to move forward working together.

Josie Green reported that to open a bank account, the committee needs to become a tax exempt corporation through the State of Missouri. It looks like this will be a lot easier than filing for the 501c3 right now. The GoFundMe account has issued a check to Josie Green. She will deposit this in the bank account, once it is obtained. It was suggested to make small donations to the GoFundMe account to encourage others to donate any amount.

Josie Green contacted the head of the department at Meramec about horticulture students assisting the committee. He said that it sounds like a great project for his students for next spring.

Mrs. Menning suggested making a schedule for watering the projects that have been completed.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Josie Green and seconded by Tom Krauska. A voice vote was taken with 8 in favor and none opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016, at 5:30pm, at City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.



TRISHA HARDESTY
Recreation Secretary