

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday

May 3, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, at 5:35pm the following members were present:

Catherine Green- Chair
Denise Schaedler- excused
Ellen Medearis
Joyce Menning- excused
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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Krauska moved to approve the April 5, 2016 minutes and Josie Green seconded with 6 approved and 0 opposed.

Public Comment

None.

Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Stadter reported that the Board of Aldermen met last week. The new aldermen, Jerry Miguel for Ward 3 and Tony Kennedy for Ward 4, were sworn in. The new President of the Board of Aldermen was voted in, Grant Mabie. The Barn restaurant contract was read and passed. The Board also read and unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Crestwood Police Department.

Staff Report

None.

New Business

Catherine Green recommended a Yard of the Month in Ward 1 on Lodge Pole. Tom Krauska recommended taking a picture of the yard and the person and maybe interviewing them. Josie Green suggested contacting Nancy Buck, a retired journalist who was also the 1st Yard of the Month winner, to assist with writing articles about the most recently awarded Yard of the Month. Catherine Green suggested designating someone to be responsible for keeping a record of the Yard of the Month, putting up the signs and taking them down,

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taking pictures and interviewing. Kathryn Brandt suggested delivering a questionnaire with the Yard of the Month sign. Question ideas included: How long have you been gardening? How long have you lived in Crestwood? What is your favorite plant? Do you have any gardening tips? Tell us about your garden. Alderman Stadter suggested presenting the Yard of the Month winners with a certificate at the Board of Aldermen meetings. Recommendations were made for the current Yard of the Month for each Ward.

There was discussion about the plantings at Whitecliff. They are looking at native plants for the side of the ramp leading to the Community Center. Elaine Tripolitis offered native plants from her mother's garden. Denise Schaedler is working on plans for the atrium at the Community Center.

There was discussion about the budget and the Webster Gardens entrance. Catherine Green proposed putting a hold on the plantings at City Hall and trying to cut costs on all plantings. It was decided to spend \$300 at most for the next City Hall planting.

Old Business

\$376 was raised from the raffle at the Food Truck Event. It was suggested that the committee have a table at the Splashtacular Event at the Aquatic Center on May 27. Ideas for a raffle included a gift card, a free garden design or a butterfly garden. Josie Green officially thanked Denise Schaedler for donating the pots for the raffle at the Food Truck Event. Alderman Stadter suggested setting up a table during the Whitecliff Summer Playhouse performances this summer.

Ellen Medeiros has a list of events for May, a Christmas in Crestwood flyer and the Beautify Crestwood flyer that are going to be distributed to about 100 households in Ward 2. Christmas in Crestwood is interested in joining together with the committee and other organizations in the city. Alderman Stadter suggested having an activities fair for people to learn more about what is going on in Crestwood. The new business, Yolklöre, has asked if the Beautification Committee could plan something for the outside of their location.

There was discussion about Project by the Crestwood Beautification Committee signs and t-shirts, mugs and water bottles with the committee logo on them.

Catherine Green asked for volunteers to go by Ace Hardware and Value Plants to see if they are willing to donate anything. Alderman Stadter said she would be willing to do that.

Catherine Green shared that she thinks the committee needs to be careful with the way money is spent because it does not have a lot. Elaine Tripolitis is willing to share hostas from her mother's garden.

The May 21 planting will be at City Hall and the June 4 planting will be at Whitecliff.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Tom Krauska and seconded by Ellen Medearis. A voice vote was taken with 6 in favor and none opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016, at 5:30pm, at City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.



TRISHA HARDESTY
Recreation Secretary