

BE AUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Davies, Chair...Alana Abdal.....Sandy Smallish.....Natalie Soave...Pam Wright...Michelle Zmich **ABSENT:** Linda Chiara, Lorraine Varns

Sarah Davies called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah said a date would be set with City officials to discuss the **City Islands** that the Beautification Committee will now be helping with. (Cabbage Island, Barbershop Island, and the small planting space in front of Starbucks). The meeting would involve the DDA/Kate, DPW Chuck, Finance, and Beautification to discuss what plantings to put in, preparation of areas by DPW, purchasing of plants through Steinkopf's, and scheduling of work day. More information forthcoming.

Some discussion ensued to potentially have the **Edible Farmington Program** continue with the existing seeds and packets that we have.....we could possibly secure some space at an early Farmer's Market to promote and give away the seeds. Additional programs throughout the growing season would also be considered to encourage more home gardens. A possible "Make and Take" gardening project for children was also discussed with encouragement from the Beautification Members coming to the next meeting with ideas for possible Make and Take Project dates (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, etc).

Sarah mentioned that she will continue working with Melissa to see if we might establish an e-mail address for the Committee or other social media ways for **Beautification Committee promotions.**

Sarah asked the Committee to come back to the next meeting with ideas for a **Beautification Logo** to present to the City that we could use for nametags, t-shirts, hats, etc. Something "catchy, unique, simple." DPW has ordered neon "work" vests for us to wear when working on City projects like the Island plantings so we can be more identifiable that way, too.

Discussion was tabled on whether the Committee wants to continue with the Sunflower Project.....approaching Springbrook about starting seedlings again....and selling them at the Market.

Sarah presented the idea to consider having a Beautification Award at Art on the Grand, similar to the Mayor's Award from Farmington and Farmington Hills. We will discuss this with the City.

Sarah also asked the Committee to think about participating in the Memorial Day Parade.....and possibly coordinating a Derby Day with the City. More information will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wright, Secretary