

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
May 14, 2018
CITY HALL, CED CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Craver, Sandra Hass, Mary Ann Kuehnel, Todd Linscott, Sue McDevitt, Roy Plasschaert, Bob Towler, Jane Tschappat, and David VanLandegen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wanda Lambert, Betty Moran, Emily Smith

VISITORS: Amelia Martens

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Douglass

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Towler called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. A sign-in sheet was provided. Bob Towler asked the members present to please introduce themselves to our visitor, Amelia Martens.

OLD BUSINESS: The commission agreed that as they look for potential new members to fill the remaining vacancies, they should try to locate nominees that live in areas of the City that may not be represented by the current membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The commission members discussed changing the number of meetings per year from nine to six. The members felt that a schedule starting in May and running through September better reflected the growing season. Also, they pointed out that the December meeting should remain for the Holiday Lighting Awards determination. Todd Linscott motioned that the monthly meeting schedule for the Beautification Commission change to May through September, canceling October and November meetings, but retaining the December meeting. Sue McDevitt seconded the motion. All the members present approved the motion.
- B. The commission members discussed changing the *Yard of the Month* awards to *Yard of the Season* awards. The members did not wish to change this award, other than to eliminate the September and October Yard of the month. Many members of the commission have received comments from Rock Island residents about the *Yard of the Month* sign and certificate and felt that noteworthy yards deserve praise and serve as an example to others.
- C. 8807 16th Street West was selected from a photo slideshow of eight properties for the 2018 April Yard of the Month by majority vote.
- D. Kathy passed out information on the Open Meetings Act training that is required to be completed by all the members as soon as possible.
- E. Kathy reported that she had received short biographies for the members up for reappointment and who wished to remain on the Beautification Commission, except for Emily Smith's.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 11th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room located on second floor of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Towler adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:50 PM.