

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
JULY 9, 2018
CITY HALL, CED CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Kuehnel, Wanda Lambert, Todd Linscott, Sue McDevitt, Roy Plasschaert, Bob Towler, and David VanLandegen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Craver, Sandra Hass, Betty Moran, Emily Smith, and Jane Tschappat,

VISITORS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Douglass

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Towler called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. A sign-in sheet was provided. The June 11th meeting minutes were approved by majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS: The commission members were reminded to complete the Open Meetings Training and email a copy of their certificate to Kathy Douglass.

Kathy noted that a media release and an announcement in the Mayor's Update Rock Island will occur June 25th for the 2018 "Tell On Your Neighbor Awards". The deadline for nominations will be August 9th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 1710 Lincoln Court was selected from a photo slideshow of ten properties for the 2018 June Yard of the Month by majority vote.
- B. Kathy provided information from the City Planner, Miles Brainard about "Companion Planting" in vegetable gardens. Miles is tasked with the City's Community Garden Program. The committee reviewed the material and then viewed a photo slideshow of twenty-five City-owned Community Garden properties.
- C. It was noted that the announcement of this year's "Tell On Your Neighbor Award" will be on June 25th during the Mayor's Update Rock Island reading. The deadline for nominations will be August 9th, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Towler told the commission that he would like to keep the number of commission members at fifteen. And that he felt that the two people who had expressed interest in joining the Beautification Commission are from areas in the City that are under-represented by the current Beautification Commission membership and would be a good addition. There are currently twelve Beautification Commission members. Three members have resigned. Other members commented that they also wanted to keep the membership at fifteen and a general discussion among the members followed. Sue McDevitt then commented that she felt that there is also an internal issue with current member attendance. She suggested that the members themselves need to encourage one another to participate and attend meetings more regularly. Kathy Douglass reminded everyone that a majority of 8 members are needed for decisions to be made for any award winners with a membership of fifteen.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 13th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room located on second floor of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Towler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 PM.