

City of Rock Island Beautification Commission Minutes

Rock Island City Hall
1528 3rd Avenue
August 12, 2019
5:00 PM



Voting Members Present	Bob Towler Sandra Hass Wanda Lampert	Sue McDevitt Roy Plasschaert Emily Smith	David VanLadegen
Voting Members Absent	Todd Linscott	Mary Ann Kuehnel	Jane Tschappat
Staff Present	Miles Brainard	Kathryn Douglass	
Guests	None		

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bob Towler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Emily Smith moved to approve the agenda for August 12, 2019. Sue McDevitt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Sue McDevitt moved to approve the minutes for July 8, 2019. Emily Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Old Business

- A. Chair Bob Towler asked the committee if there was anyone left who had not completed their OMA Training. Kathy Douglass reported that everyone on the committee had completed the training and she submitted a copy of their certificates to the City Clerk.
- B. Kathy Douglass reported that the Mayor will be reappointing the commissioners who had expiring memberships this year at this evening's City Council meeting.

New Business

- A. Approval of sending a Certificate of Appreciation to retired member Barbara Craver. Bob Towler asked to amend the motion to: Approve giving Certificates of Appreciation to all retired members starting in the year 2019. Sandra Hass moved to amend the motion as Bob Towler suggested and Roy Plasschaert seconded. The amended motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. After viewing the nominees for July Yard of the Month David Vanlandegen moved to select 3719 14th Street as the winner and Sue McDevitt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 1. Sandra Hass did not vote.

- C. After viewing photos provided by the City's Rain Garden manager, Emily Smith moved to select 3500 30th Avenue and 3510 30th Avenue as winners of the Best Rain Garden Certificate. Sue McDevitt seconded. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0. Roy Plasschaert moved to give the remaining properties a participant certificate. Sandra Hass seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. After viewing the nominees for the Tell On Your Neighbor Award, Roy Plasschaert moved to to give all the nominees a certificate and David Vanlandegen seconded the motion. Before the vote the committee discussed adding the nominees for the July Yard of the Month to the Tell On Your Neighbor certificate recipients. Wanda Lambert amended the motion to approve the Tell On Your Neighbor nominees and add the July Yard of The Month nominees to the list of recipients. Sue McDevitt seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. Miles Brainard explained a potential program the City is researching for Pollinator Gardens. A discussion followed.
- F. Miles Brainard explained changes made to the Beautification Ordinance to the commissioners. A discussion followed. Sue McDevitt proposed that the revised ordinance also include language limiting the commissioner's terms of appointment to two consecutive terms with a three year waiting period before reappointment. Emily Smith moved to recommend to the City Council that they approve all the changes to the Beatification Commission Ordinance. Sue McDevitt seconded. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Business

- A. None

Adjournment

Chair Bob Towler asked for a motion to adjourn. David Vanlandegen moved to adjourn. Sue McDevitt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.