

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 10th, 2018
CITY HALL, CED CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Craver, Mary Ann Kuehnel, Wanda Lambert, Todd Linscott, Roy Plasschaert, Emily Smith, Bob Towler, Jane Tschappat, and David VanLandegen
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue McDevitt, and Betty Moran
VISITORS: none
STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Douglass

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Towler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A sign-in sheet was provided. The August 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 1042 17th Street was selected from a photo slideshow for the 2018 August *Yard of the Month* by majority vote.
- B. *Rain Garden Awards* were selected from a photo slideshow by majority vote. They were:
 - 1st Place - 1408 20th Street
 - 2nd Place – 2600 31st Avenue
 - 3rd Place – Longfellow School
- C. Friendship Manor was selected for the “Rotary” category of the *Commercial Beautification Awards* from a photo slideshow of nominees. Then the Beautification Commission selected three other possible winners for the “Beautification Commission” category. All were selected by tally of votes. They were:
 - 1st Choice – Olivet Church (6 votes)
 - 2nd Choice – Ballet Quad Cities (2 votes)
 - 3rd Choice – Riverfront Grill (1 vote)It was agreed by all the members to remove Ms. Brimanis Hair and Beauty Shop from the nominees because the business was not open yet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Bob Towler reminded the commissioners that the Tell On Your Neighbor Award presentation will begin at 6:45 pm tonight in the City Council Chambers.
- B. Kathy Douglass told the commission that the Rain and Community Garden Awards will be later in September.
- C. Bob Towler and Kathy Douglass presented a possible Beautification Commission project to the members. It involved three city-owned garden areas identified by City Horticulturalist, Marc Demarlie. Mark told Kathy he would welcome some help from the Commission with landscaping plans for these areas. Bob suggested the members consider the project for the Spring of 2019.
- D. Membership vacancies were again discussed. Bob Towler said that if new members are still interested in joining the Commission to submit their applications via the City website. He pointed out that the official membership of 15 is in compliance with the current City Ordinance.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 17th, 2018 for the Holiday Lighting Tour. We will be meet in the lobby of City Hall at 5:30 pm and then begin the tour. It was decided that nominations for the award be submitted to Kathy by December 10th.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Towler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:10 PM.