

Rock Island Beautification Commission Minutes

Rock Island City Hall, Council Chambers, third floor
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
September 18, 2023
5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	David VanLandegen Roy Plasschaert Jane Tschappat Todd Linscott Chris Conwell Wanda Lambert
Voting Members Absent	Emily Smith Laurie Figley
Staff Present	Kathryn Douglass Tanner Osing
Guests	None

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair David VanLandegen called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and read the roll call.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Roy Plasschaert moved to approve the agenda for September 18, 2023. Jane Tschappat seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Roy Plasschaert moved to approve the minutes for July 17, 2023. Chris Conwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Review of the September Yard of the Month sideshow

Todd Linscott moved to approve 3701 24th Street for the September Yard of the Month award. Roy Plasschaert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Review of the 2023 Community Gardens sideshow

Roy Plasschaert moved to approve sending certificates of appreciation to the selected Community Garden participants. Todd Linscott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Propose nominations for the Bob Towler Memorial Residential Beautification Award and the Mayor's Commercial Beautification Award

Staff will send the Mayor the list of 2023 Yard of the Month winners to the Mayor for nominees for the Bob Towler Memorial Residential Beautification Award. For the **Mayor's Commercial Beautification Award** staff will send Façade and CIRLF program participant information to the Mayor. Dave VanLandegen moved to approve nominating Crawford Company, 1316 Mill Street and McDonalds for the Mayor's Commercial Beautification Award. Roy Plasschaert seconded the motion. Commissioners can send additional nominations to staff with an October 16th deadline.

Other Business

Discussion of Arts Commission and Beautification Commission consolidation.

Staff will move ahead and submit the proposal to City Council on the September 25th meeting. Because there was not a quorum for the August Beautification Commission discussion, staff would like to address questions and concerns about the consolidation proposal at tonight's meeting. All activities for both commissions will continue within the framework of the new Arts and Beautification Commission. Ultimately, though the City Council will vote and determine whether or not the consolidation will take place.

Staff told the commission that there may be a possible Native Pollinator Project at a site to the north of the Quad Cities Botanical Center and EXPO Center.

If staff is given more detailed information about the project there may be a Special Meeting on October 16th, so that the commission can review plans and give feedback on the design.

Adjournment

Chair David VanLandegen asked for a motion to adjourn. Roy Plasschaert moved to adjourn. Jane Tschappat seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0 at 6:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.