

**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF OAK PARK
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioners Idella Bailey, Danielle Fracassa, Santhia Guinn, Angela Mitchell, Brenda Moseley, Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw, Larry Wilson, Non-Voting City Representative Kevin Yee

ABSENT: Commissioners Mattie Boykin, Karen Davis-Harris, Carrie Dodds, Michella Perry, Reatha Richmond, Joyce Schulman, Judy Simmons, Deborah Williamson, Council Member Carolyn Burns

GUEST: Lori Bosah

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
Roll called

APPROVAL OF MINUTES; DECEMBER 18, 2017

MOTION by Fracassa, SECONDED by Guinn to approve the Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting minutes of December 19, 2017 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITY COUNCIL/CITY LIAISON COMMUNICATION

City Liaison communication highlights

Non-voting City Representative Kevin Yee

- Spring Fest – The Spring Fest will be hosted by the Recreation department. The Beautification Advisory Commission is encouraged to participate.
- Flower Exchange – The flower exchange will be on April 21st from 10 am – 12 noon. An announcement will be mentioned in the spring city newsletter, and other city media outlets.
- I 696 Bridge project – The bridge project is on schedule, and will be placed at the I-696 and Coolidge corridor.
- 9 Mile Project – The 9 mile road diet will begin in the summer of 2018. The city hopes that the project will attract businesses. The road diet will create three lanes, walkability, and parks.

OPEN ISSUES

Election Voting Chairperson and Vice Chairperson –

Motion by: Brenda Moseley

To nominate Lonnie Tabb Upshaw for Chairperson

Runner unopposed, Nomination accepted by Lonnie Tabb Upshaw

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

Motion by: Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw

To nominate Danielle Fracassa for Vice Chairperson

Runner unopposed, Nomination accepted by Danielle Fracassa

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Upshaw asked members if they would like to be involved with the Summer Fest, and other events hosted by recreation to represent the Beautification Advisory Commission. Members were also asked to attend the State of the City address on Wednesday, March 14th at 7 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

FLOWER EXCHANGE

The DPW department is working with the Communication department, and is in the process of creating a flyer to announce the Flower Exchange in the spring city newsletter, as it is not listed in the city calendar. Flowers to be exchanged should be dug out of the ground and placed into a plastic bag with water inside. The flowers are to be placed into a box and labelled. Members were asked to invite neighbors, and members of other communities to donate flowers, plants, and seeds.

FLOWER SALE

Chairperson Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw will contact Walt from Garden Fantasy to secure him as a vendor for the Flower Sale. Commissioner Santhia Guinn will work with Lonnie as a cashier, and other commission members will work with the flowers and plants. Vice chairperson Fracassa stated that she will not be able to attend the Flower Sale.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting will be co-hosted by Keep Michigan Beautiful and the BCSEM on April 11, 2018.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Lori Bosah, guest who attended tonight's meeting was in attendance due to her mother, and her love for flowers. She attended a Beautification Advisory Commission ceremony along with her mother who won an award. She attended the meeting to observe, as she is interested in becoming a member of the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting April 17, 2018