

CITY OF OAK PARK BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, Michigan, by Chairperson Reatha Richmond.

PRESENT: Chairperson Reatha Richmond, Vice Chairperson Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw, Commissioners Brenda Moseley, Deborah Williamson, Idella Bailey, Joyce Schulman, Karen Davis-Harris, Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw, Santhia Guinn, Non-Voting Representative Kevin Yee

ABSENT: Commissioners Andrea Stawis, Angela Mitchell, Carrie Dodds, Danielle Fracassa, Judy Simmons, Larry Wilson, Mattie Boykin, Councilmember Kiesha Speech

GUEST: Michella Perry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES; SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

MOTION by Guinn, SECONDED by Tabb-Upshaw, to approve the Beautification Advisory Commission meeting minutes of September 20, 2016 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

BCSEM Quarterly Meeting – Commission members agree that overall, co-hosting the December 2016 BCSEM quarterly meeting with the city of Huntington Woods went very well. The participants felt comfortable and the presentation went well, and the food was delicious, but mentioned that there were issues with the involvement of the setup of the event. Also there were issues with the speakers that should have been worked out on the agenda. Lonnie mentioned that there were funds from a raffle that Oak Park had not received yet, and asked the city to contact Huntington Woods' officials so the funds could be released. Kevin stated that he would reach out to Claire from Huntington Woods. The commissioners agree that in the event of hosting another quarterly meeting that they will not consider to co-host with another community.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Voting Chairperson and Vice Chairperson –

Motion by: Joyce Schulman

Seconded by: _____

To nominate Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw for Chairperson

All in Favor: YES: 4 NO:

Motion by: Brenda Moseley

Seconded by: _____

To nominate Reatha Richmond for Chairperson

All in Favor: YES: 2 NO:

No nominations for Vice chairperson; Reatha Richmond stated that she would act as Vice Chairperson until next election to vote for Vice Chairperson.

Flower Sale – Commissioners who will participate in the Flower Sale are to be at the Community Center at 8:00 a.m. The flower sale hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw stated that she will get contact information from Reatha to confirm Walt as the vendor for the flower sale. Lonnie was asked to provide a list of what will be sold at the flower sale so a price list can be printed out. Members asked for t-shirts for the commissioners to wear during their events (Flower Sale, Fourth of July Parade, etc ;). Kevin stated that the city is looking into purchasing t-shirts for the boards and commissions, and will provide an update at the next meeting.

General Discussion – Commissioners mentioned that the flower pots placed at various areas in the city were beautiful. New city projects that were mentioned were the branding over the 696 bridge at Coolidge, painting of the water tank and the Granzon road project from Church to Coolidge, 9 & Harding water main projects, and DTE led light installation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm, next meeting April 18, 2017