

**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF OAK PARK
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

PRESENT: Idella Bailey, Joyce Schulman, Judy Simmons, Karen Davis-Harris, Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw, Mattie Boykin, Santhia Guinn, Non-Voting City Representative Kevin Yee

ABSENT: Angela Mitchell, Brenda Moseley, Carrie Dodds, Danielle Fracassa, Deborah Williamson, Michella Perry, Reatha Richmond, and Non-voting Representative Councilmember Kiesha Speech

GUEST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES; JUNE 20, 2017

MOTION by Guinn, SECONDED by Bailey, to approve the Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting minutes of June 20, 2017 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITY COUNCIL/CITY LIAISON COMMUNICATION

City Liaison communication highlights

- **Boards and Commission dinner** – Members were reminded and asked to rsvp for the boards and commission dinner, and to select a kosher option if needed.
- **Autumn Fest** – DPW will be displaying equipment, and cutting down sunflowers to give to residents for use. There will be activities for children and adults.
- **Nine Mile Rd. Project** – A grant has been received to start the project to reduce nine mile road from Mclain and Coolidge to Pinecrest. Pedestrian islands and bike lanes will be placed on nine mile, with the project beginning next spring.
- **Jefferson Oaks Housing Project** – The school will be turned into an apartment complex with condominiums alongside the apartments.
- **Coolidge Housing Project** – There will be a housing project on Coolidge between 8 and 9 mile stemming from the previous housing project on 8 mile.
- **Sewer Rehabilitation** – The Water Resource Commission is performing rehabilitation work on sewer's around the city
- **Real Team real estate** – Real estate company in the city that help to prevent blight by buying
- **I696 Bridge Project** – Bridge project is experiencing some delays, but will hopefully be completed next year.

Flower Exchange – The date set for the Beautification Advisory Commissions first Flower Exchange will be April 21, 2018.

MOTION by Simmons, SECONDED by Bailey, to approve the date of April 21, 2018 to be the date for the Flower Exchange.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Flower Exchange will be held in the same area where the Flower Sale is held. The time of the event will be 10:00 am, and last until all plants have been exchanged.

BAC Ceremony – Jan Bills, business owner, and author of the book entitled “Late Bloomer” will speak at the Beautification Award ceremony. As a token of appreciation, a basket will be given to the speaker for her presence. Members should plan to arrive at city hall by 5:30 pm.

Refreshment List for BAC ceremony

- **Lonnie** – Table cloths/centerpieces/ paper goods/mums (raffle)
- **Karen Davis-Harris** – Cake
- **Judy Simmons** – Vegetable tray, crackers
- **Mattie Boykin** – Cheese tray
- **Idella Bailey** – Apple Cider
- **Kevin** – Water and coffee

General Discussion

Members made a suggestion of adding photos of the Flower Sale to be displayed in the month of May in the 2018 city calendar as a reminder to residents. The next quarterly meeting for the commission will be at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. Members were also reminded to RSVP for the Boards and Commissions recognition dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm, Next meeting December 19, 2017