

LEE'S SUMMIT BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Meeting

Attended by: Lila Raymond, Charlotte Lea, Sue Forbes, Bruce Holiman, Donna Nuccio, Carol Rothwell, Kim Fritchie, Sara DeBray, Randy Cain, Glenda Masters and guest Dale Coy

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:06. Minutes of the last two meetings were approved.

The only change since the last financial report was a payment to Rosehill for \$1,905 for watering and fertilizer.

Landscape Contest or Garden Tour for 2020: There was discussion about what could be our signature activity next summer. It was agreed that the landscape contest wasn't attracting enough new entries and there has been resistance to touring our contest winners' landscapes. Glenda will research what other cities do, and we will discuss further next month. Ideas included tours of Unity Village, Winterset, or Raintree; partnering with Powell Gardens, or a virtual tour with video.

Monarch Pledge: Kim spoke with the mayor and he will meet with representatives of the B.C. after mid-October. We need him to review and sign the pledge.

Holiday Downtown Planters: a sub-committee met and will order the flag material chosen. The pots will be planted in November.

Plan It Native: This regional conference about restoring native habitat will be September 18-20 in Kansas City. Carol will attend on Thursday and Bruce may go on Friday.

MoDOT/ROW Maintenance Agreement: Glenda presented an outline of the mowing needs to protect our native plantings. It was agreed upon and will be sent to MoDOT for their review.

Other: Randy suggested we might organize an educational event focused on outdoor living spaces, with vendors of firepits, fire displays, hardscape items, etc. Bruce reminded us the Strategic Plan needs updating.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Carol Rothwell, Secretary