

Beautification Commission

April 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order. Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Attendance. All members present: Bruce Holliman, Kim Fritchie, Sara DeBray, Lila Raymond, Charlotte Lea. Staff Liaison: Glenda Masters

Approval of March 14, 2022 minutes. Lila moved to approve the minutes from the March 14 meeting, Sara DeBray second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review. Glenda gave an update on the Commission budget year-to-date. No major changes to report other than the addition of the March plantings. There was a discussion about the possibility of saving on expenses related to Rosehill's cost to water the Downtown planters each year instead of having Rosehill do it. Glenda offered to check with Central Building Services and the Administration Department to see about the researching a watering cart that could be operated by a staff person. It was also suggested that perhaps Parks could assist at a lower rate than Rosehill.

New Business. Mayor's Monarch Pledge: The Commission reviewed a list of opportunities to consider as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Glenda highlighted several options that various city departments were already undertaking that supported the sustainability or promotion of pollinator habitats. The Commission picked three options and Glenda will complete the Pledge application online by the April 30 deadline.

Old Business: March Spring Plantings Downtown Recap/Debrief. The process went well. The only concern is that the Pericallis didn't last very long and many were dying due the lack of watering.

Announcements. Adopt-a-Spot maintenance (Amtrak): The commission made plans to meet at the Adopt-a-Spot on April 28 to clean out the beds and lay new mulch. A date in May will be determined to put in new plantings. **Holiday Planters/Decorations:** A discussion was brought up about the process for decorating the downtown planters for the holidays each year. It was mentioned that perhaps businesses could "adopt" a large planter and decorate it for the holidays. It was also noted that it would be helpful to know the theme for the annual Mayor's Tree Lighting event by the end of the summer or early fall in order better prepare coordinating decorations each year.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Next meeting is May 9, 2022 at 6:00pm.