Call to Order: 5:04 pm

Roll Call: Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Ratna Rao, Jennifer Ryan, Celia Todd, Carolyn Upton, Laura Williams, Lindsay Wyskowski

Excused: Celia Todd

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Jen, Seconded Carolyn

Approval of Agenda: Moved Jen, Seconded Carolyn

Announcements:

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed.
1. City of Novi Gateway Adopt-a-Sign Project
   - Lindsay will draft criteria and email to members for review
   - 21 total signs (some may not be suitable for adoption based on location)
   - Lindsay will divide sign map into quadrants for members to volunteer to take photos
2. National Wildlife Federation Certification
   - Laura Williams leading project
   - Application waiting for city approval
   - Token recognition gifts or certificates may be used to promote yard certification
   - Jen will draft email to people who signed up at Palooza and send out for member review
3. Neighborhood entrance holiday decorating contests
   - Lindsay will draft project plan
   - Autumn display theme
   - Wendy will research what other cities are doing
4. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation and Rotary Park Rain Garden maintenance
   - Wendy will contact Rick Meader to determine possible June dates on a Monday or Wednesday

New Business:
5. Library kiosk available for Beautification Commission display
   - Cindy Lang talked to Library Board member about display
   - May request October to publicize fall holiday decorating contest
   - Jen will contact Christine Salvatore
6. Waste Management grant
   - Grant could be used to fund gateway recognition plaque or for another project
7. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award
   - May use Novi anniversary project or gateway sign adoption project

Open Discussion:
Plant Exchange/Palooza Recap
   - Need durable sign or banner to identify Beautification Commission table
   - Logistics not ideal for perennial exchange at Palooza
   - Could promote exchange at Palooza and hold a week or two following
   - Fall Perennial Exchange to be held in back of Civic Center near parking
   - Display to be developed showing invasive plants for future plant exchanges

2019 Novi 50th Anniversary
   - City is considering reception for Monday, February 11, 2019
   - Currently in information-gathering stage

Events:
May 17, 2019, Spring Palooza, Civic Center Campus

Meetings:
July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 19, December 10

Adjournment: 6:10 pm Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen