Beautification Commission Minutes Monday, June 21, 2021 5:30 pm Zoom

The June 14, 2021 meeting was rescheduled to June 21, 2021

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Cindy Seitz, Vinit Gupta, Laura Williams, Celia Todd, Jan Lach

Excused: Courtney Opalko, Isaly Szetela, Christen Pietraz

Absent: Shaun Page

Approval of Minutes: Moved: Laura, Seconded: Celia

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Laura, Seconded: Celia

Old Business:

 Park Entrance Sign adoption
 The form is now online. Printed copies will be available in the city offices. There is a hyperlink to invasive species information.

- Entryway Grant Lawn Signs for Winners
 The signs are ready to be ordered once the project grantees request them.
- Bus Tour

This is an event for the Commissioners to review areas of interest around the city. This item is tabled until in-person meetings are resumed.

- 2021 Events and Programs
 - Cindy will coordinate a weeding and maintenance event at the Butterfly Garden with Rick Meader, City of Novi Landscape Architect.
 - Christen is shepherding an application through the Novi Waste Management department for new signs for the Butterfly Garden. Christen, Cindy and Simone will meet to finalize and submit the application.
 - The winners of the Keep Michigan Beautiful (KMB) grants have not been released.
 Celia will follow-up about when that may happen. She will also find out when the wildlife certificate (see next bullet) that is part of the grant application must be submitted.
 - Laura will contact the National Wildlife Federation on getting the Wildlife Friendly City certificate and sign that were awarded to Novi but sending was delayed by COVID.
- Simone relayed that the Secretary position could be rotated among the members. Jan agreed to serve in the role but delegate if needed.

New Business:

- The city will resume in-person meeting starting in July, so the July 12 meeting will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. Location TBD.
- Laura asked about potential NBC involvement in the Sakura development. The project has not yet been submitted to the City but NBC will keep an eye out for opportunities to engage.
- Simone is leaving her position with the City effective at the end of June. The NBC thanks her very much for her excellent service.

Adjournment: 6:10 pm: Moved by Vinit, Seconded by Laura

Meetings:

March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13