



BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Beautification Commission
Zoom Meeting
Minutes from January 13, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Chair: Cathy Deneckere
Members: Alexis Blatz, Carole Voudrie, Deborah Hopkins,
Staff Liaison: Adam Peper, Interim Parks Director
Staff: Charlie Milligan, Superintendent of Parks
Council Member: Susan Taylor
Absent: Ruby Trussel, Nancy Pfister, Tammy Schwarz

C. AGENDA ACCEPTED FOR THE RECORD

Deborah made a motion to accept the agenda for January 13, 2021, Carole seconded. All Aye.

D. MINUTES ACCEPTED FOR THE RECORD

Cathy made a motion to accept the minutes for October 14, 2020, Carole Seconded. All Aye.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Lindberg Bridge – Adam has reached out to a MoDot Area Engineer to seek approval for implementing a landscape design. We are awaiting a response.

Murals and Traffic Light Signal Box on Dorsett-Adam has reached out to the Area Engineer from St. Louis County. We are awaiting a response. Adam shared incite from the Public Works Director, that St. Louis County may be concerned with painting the traffic signal boxes, as any dark paint may increase the internal temperatures of the boxes during the summer.

Sculpture Sticks – The city street department is looking into painting Sticks in house. The street department would have to paint the sculpture onsite, as they do not have a painting bay. We received leads from the artist as to where she suggest to have the sculpture painted. Adam will seek out quotes from the two companies.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Creative Cities Alliance – discussed upcoming schedule for CCA art selection. Artist submission due January 15, Packet review of submitted art is January 25 via Zoom, art draft will be February 16. Adam will seek best way to distribute art packets and voting process. Commission feels a virtual option would work best. Awarded art will be installed in May. Discussion on location included the Government Center and the four corners of Dorsett and 270. More discussion to come on location.

Yard of the Month – It was mentioned that Tammy is taking the lead for Yard of the Month. Discussed that each ward would have a month selected. Commission is to come to next meeting with ideas of policies and procedures for who is eligible for the yard of the month based on previous winners, are they allowed to be named or should they wait a set number of years? Selection of the Yard of the Month must be selected the month prior, and the winner must be willing to leave the sign in their yard for the remainder of the summer. AJ will be designing the Yard of the Month sign.

Chimney Swift Towers – the City has three Chimney Swift Towers located in our parks that are for nesting Chimney Swifts. The towers are showing signs of deterioration. The Parks Department is suggesting that the towers be removed for safety. The Commission agreed it was good idea for them to be removed. This would allow additional art or other items to be installed in their locations.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

H. COMMISSION COMMENTS - None

I. STAFF UPDATE

Charlie discussed the Banners that are located in Vago Park and in the Community Center parking lot. The Commission is pleased with the results and like the added art and spotlighting the community. The Parks Department and Commission will monitor the banners and decide when they should be updated.

Charlie also brought up the Maryland Heights Holiday Tree Lighting that took place in December 2020. This will be an annual event with hopefully more activities and public engagement in 2021.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Alexis and seconded by Deborah. All Aye

The next scheduled meeting is February 10, 2021- 6:00 pm via Zoom.