

Beautification Commission Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2021
5:30 pm | Zoom

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Cindy Seitz, Courtney Opalko, Isaly Szetela, Vinit Gupta, Shaun Page, Christen Pietraz, Jan Lach

Excused: Celia Todd, Laura Williams

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Christen and seconded by Isaly.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Christen and seconded by Isaly.

Old Business:

- Park Entrance Sign adoption
This program asks local businesses, groups or families to provide landscaping, plants and associated maintenance for the land around the Novi park signs. Isaly took pictures of all the signs. The application form was approved by the City Council. Cindy, Isaly & Simone will draft an announcement for media distribution. Isaly will contact the two Girl Scout troops were interested.
- Entryway Grant Lawn Signs for Winners
The sign design is finished and approved. The signs will be distributed for display as the projects are completed.
- Adopt-a-Road
This project was proposed by a previous Commission member to solicit volunteers to adopt roads not covered by other programs. Isaly moved and Christen seconded to remove this project from the agenda. Commission approved motion by unanimous vote.
- 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.
- Volunteers were solicited for the Secretary position. No takers, so item is tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Alexander Weyer, resident of the Dunbarton Pines subdivision, introduced himself. He has organized a group on Nextdoor.com called Novi Growing Together that tours gardens. He also conducts local mushroom hunting and wild foraging tours. He invited the Commissioners to join the group and welcomed opportunities to partner with the Commission.

Meetings: 21, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Adjournment: 6:25 pm: Moved by Christin, Seconded by Shaun

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