CITY OF NOVI
Beautification Commission
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 6:30 pm
Mayor's Conference Room
Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road

Call to Order: 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call – Gareth Crawford, Yogesh Kumar, Nicole Rumao, Dinesh Seksaria, Tracy Wick, Mary Angela Winter, Torry Yu

Present: Yogesh Kumar, Nicole Rumao, Dinesh Seksaria, Tracy Wick

Absent Excused: Gareth Crawford, Mary Angela Winter, Torry Yu

Approval of Agenda
Motion: Seksaria; Seconded: Kumar; Approved: 4:0

Approval of Minutes – July 15, 2026
Motion: Rumao; Seconded: Wick; Approved: 4:0

Chair – Gareth Crawford
Secretary – Torry Yu
City Liaison – Kate Oppermann

Purpose of the Meeting

1. Trail/Walking Path Review Cont.

   Commissioner Rumao spoke on her experience of the walking paths at Pavillion Shore Park and the paved section of Lakeshore Park, as well as the multi-modal M-5 Metro Trail (Novi and small portion of Commerce section). She went through a slide deck to help illustrate her experience including various features like signage, playgrounds, park building and shelters, bathrooms, the Lakeshore Park lending library and ballot box, etc. She noted some mild inclines on the M-5 Metro Trail as well as some of the road crossings with the one at M-5 itself being most difficult of those she encountered. She enjoyed her experiences on all the paths.

The Committee will further discuss the final form of their trail and walking path reviews and how to publish them at the next meeting(s).

2. Review 2026 Project Plan

Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Wick spoke on her interest in the Commission creating a local Beautification Award program, like that in several neighboring communities. Staff Liaison Oppermann noted that other members had brought up interest in such a program as well, particularly Commissioner Winter. It was suggested there could be categories for both residents and businesses. The Commissioners present were all in favor of working on the creation of such a program, with hopes of rolling it out in Spring/Summer 2027 or 2028. It was suggested that each Commissioner do some research on other area Beautification Award programs and criterion and come with ideas to discuss it further at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:51 p.m.
Motion: Wick; Seconded: Rumao; Approved: 4:0