Beautification Commission Minutes Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:00 pm Novi Civic Center 45175 10 Mile Rd. Mayor's Conference Room

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Jan Lach, Cindy Lang, Courtney Opalko, Shaun Page, Christen Pietraz, Celia Todd, Laura Williams, Torry Yu

Present: Jan Lach, Cindy Lang, Celia Todd, Laura Williams, Torry Yu **Excused:** Christen Pietraz **Absent:** Courtney Opalko, Shaun Page

Minutes: Approved 5:0 Approval of Agenda: Moved: Lach, Seconded: Yu, approved 5:0

Old Business:

- Edible Garden Presentation/Webinar
 - The Commission reviewed the current number of signups for the event and confirmed that the zoom link for the webinar would be sent out twice (once the Friday before the event and once the day before). Additionally, at suggestion from Commissioners Todd and Williams city staff will look into the possibility of having a "viewing party" set up for the webinar at Meadowbrook Commons so senior residents can more easily access the program.
- Plant Identification Signs
 - It was confirmed that the design details for the signs were being finalized with the DPW and are on course to go into production and be installed in Spring 2023.

New Business:

- 2023 Entryway Grant Program
 - The Commission will be reviewing the 2023 applications and making site visits as needed throughout February and early March. They will vote on the applications at their upcoming March 8th meeting so that their recommendation can be presented to City Council on the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- Errant Membership and Meeting Quorums
 - The next steps in handling errant membership were discussed and are expected to be resolved by March. Additionally, the Commission discussed potentially changing the Commission membership from 9 members to 7 members, they will make the decision if they will go forward with this proposal or not at their March 8th meeting.
- New Ideas
 - The Commission also discussed the re-invigoration of the Adopt-a-Park-Sign Program, the possibility of having a new school program, and potentially a "Think Spring" type program that would encourage residents and businesses to send in photos of seasonal displays/décor.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: 6:54 pm Upcoming Meetings: 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13