

**Beautification Commission
Minutes
Monday, June 11, 2018
5:00-6:30 pm
Novi Civic Center**

Call to Order: 5:04 pm

Roll Call: Colleen Crossey, Cindy Haley, Cindy Lang, Ratna Rao, Jennifer Ryan, Celia Todd, Carolyn Upton, Laura Williams, Lindsay Wyskowski

Excused: Celia Todd

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Moved Jen, Seconded Carolyn

Approval of Agenda: Moved Jen, Seconded Carolyn

Announcements:

Old Business:

Current Projects: The following projects were discussed.

1. City of Novi Gateway Adopt-a-Sign Project
 - Lindsay will draft criteria and email to members for review
 - 21 total signs (some may not be suitable for adoption based on location)
 - Lindsay will divide sign map into quadrants for members to volunteer to take photos
2. National Wildlife Federation Certification
 - Laura Williams leading project
 - Application waiting for city approval
 - Token recognition gifts or certificates may be used to promote yard certification
 - Jen will draft email to people who signed up at Palooza and send out for member review
3. Neighborhood entrance holiday decorating contests
 - Lindsay will draft project plan
 - Autumn display theme
 - Wendy will research what other cities are doing
4. Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation and Rotary Park Rain Garden maintenance
 - Wendy will contact Rick Meader to determine possible June dates on a Monday or Wednesday

New Business:

5. Library kiosk available for Beautification Commission display
 - Cindy Lang talked to Library Board member about display
 - May request October to publicize fall holiday decorating contest
 - Jen will contact Christine Salvatore
6. Waste Management grant
 - Grant could be used to fund gateway recognition plaque or for another project

7. Keep Michigan Beautiful Award

- May use Novi anniversary project or gateway sign adoption project

Open Discussion:

Plant Exchange/Palooza Recap

- Need durable sign or banner to identify Beautification Commission table
- Logistics not ideal for perennial exchange at Palooza
- Could promote exchange at Palooza and hold a week or two following
- Fall Perennial Exchange to be held in back of Civic Center near parking
- Display to be developed showing invasive plants for future plant exchanges

2019 Novi 50th Anniversary

- City is considering reception for Monday, February 11, 2019
- Currently in information-gathering stage

Events:

May 17, 2019, Spring Palooza, Civic Center Campus

Meetings:

July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, **November 19**, December 10

Adjournment: 6:10 pm Moved Lindsay, Seconded Jen