

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

Call to Order: 6:08 pm

Roll Call: Jan Lach, Cindy Lang, Christen Pietraz, Laura Williams, Torry Yu

Present: Jan Lach, Christen Pietraz, Torry Yu

Absent Excused: Cindy Lang, Laura Williams

Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2023: Moved: Pietraz, Seconded: Yu, Approved 3:0

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Yu, Seconded: Pietraz, Approved 3:0

New Business:

- Community Development Block Grant – Finance Director, Carl Johnson

Finance Director Carl Johnson gave an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process to the Commission including how the money is allocated under County restrictions with 15% of funds being assigned to Public Service activities and 85% assigned to Minor Home Repair. This meeting is to determine what projects to award the 15% for public services, this year the total that can be allocated totals \$18,787.

Having reviewed the recommended applicant projects the Commission determined to continue the longtime City support to HAVEN, Novi Youth Assistance, and Hospitality House.

Motion to recommend City Council to allocate \$8,000 of the CDBG funds to Novi Youth Assistance and split the remainder evenly between HAVEN and Hospitality House (\$6,262 each).

Motion Maker: Pietraz, Seconded: Yu, Approved 3:0

Old Business

2024 Programs/Projects

- Bee City USA

The Commission was given a draft resolution for review and comment. Once Staff Liaison Oppermann is provided with any input the resolution will be sent to Bee City USA for approval and then presented to City Council for adoption. It is anticipated that the Resolution should be ready to go on City Council Agenda either January 22nd or February 4th.

Should the adoption of the Resolution be approved, the Commission will proceed with any further of their planned Bee City projects, including the potential installation of Bee Hives at a park or other

City property. “No Mow May” was also earmarked as a project for 2024.

- **Adopt-a-Park-Sign Program**

The Commission would like materials to be available online to the public for the updated Adopt-a-Park-Sign program to go live in Spring 2024.

- **City of Novi Beautification Awards**

The Commission plans to work further on developing a City of Novi Beautification Awards program in the New Year.

- **Seasonal Beautification Events**

- **Autumnal/ Halloween décor wrap-up**

Liaison Oppermann reviewed the posts from Community Relations made on Instagram, Facebook, and X (FKA Twitter). The response remains very low with only one responder on the Facebook post (a very lovely drone video of fall color at Lakeshore Park).

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: 6:40 pm

Upcoming Meetings: 12/13