

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Vice-Chairperson, Rachel Roberson declared a meeting of the Beautification Commission duly open for the transaction of business at 4:37 p.m.

Commissioners present were: Rachel Roberson, Debbie Folks, Nancy Mata, and Sheryl Joost

Commissioners absent were: Adraylle Watson

Staff members present were: Nathan Vogt, Code Enforcement
Claudia Velasquez, Building Official
Paula Favors, City Secretary
Joan Andel, Finance Director

Visitors: Kaye McKlaine

Roll Call and Excused Absences. After some discussion, Commissioner Nancy Mata moved to excuse Commissioner Adraylle Watson. Commissioner Debbie Folks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments. There were no Public Comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review & consider reading the minutes for the regular called meeting held on April 10, 2024. Commissioner Debbie Folks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Nancy Mata seconded the motion. All in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider the Financial Report. The Commission reviewed the YTD 2023-2024 Budget. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Certificate of Recognition. Business/residence nominations for consideration of a Certificate of Recognition:

1. Business- Ace/ Wharton Feed, Holiday Inn Express, The Vintage Butterfly. After some discussion, Commissioner Sheryl Joost made a motion to recommend Holiday Inn Express to receive the business Certificate of Recognition. Commissioner Nancy Mata seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. Residence – 516 Circle Drive, 805 Lilly Ave. After some discussion, Commissioner Sheryl Joost made a motion to recommend 805 Lily Ln. to residence Certificate of Recognition. Commissioner Debbie Folks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider EnterTextHere.

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

1. Dog Park

a. Grand Opening: May 8th, 6:00 p.m. After some discussion, no action was taken.

b. Approve giving away the gray shirts to the first ten to fifteen people as well as the remaining three flashlights. After some discussion, Commissioner Nancy Mata made a motion to give away the gray shirts and flashlights to the

first ten people who came to the Grand Opening. Commissioner Debbie Folks seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

1. Crosswalk (Debbie Folks): After some discussion, no action was taken.

C. Community (Adraylle Watson):

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers:

a. Hessed House grant for paint supplies for a mural. The Commission discussed this item but canceled the item due to the Texas Constitution, art. III, section 52, and art. XI, section 3. After some discussion, no action was taken.

2. Event/Merchandise booths: After some discussion, no action was taken.

D. Education (Adraylle Watson/Rachel Roberson):

1. Social media campaigns- Recycle Tip Tuesday, Ordinances, Social Media numbers were up in the month of April with a 189% reach and 250% views due to the Santa Fe Project and Spring Sweep. After some discussion, no action was taken.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption Program: Commissioner Rachel Roberson stated to the Commission that the Planter Adoption Program was going well. She stated that there was still a need for an adopter for the Airport flower beds. She stated that the welcome sign by Tiger Stadium was missing the adopter's sign and that she would reach out to the adopters. After some discussion, no action was taken.

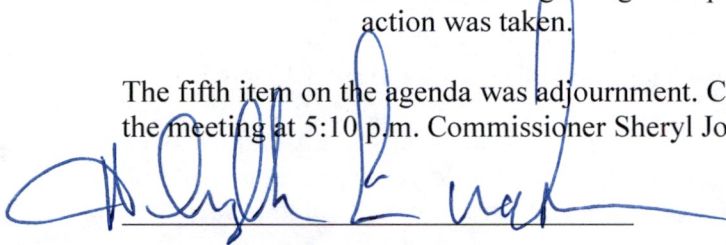
2. Santa Fe Planters: Commissioner Rachel Roberson stated that to the Commission that this project was completed. After some discussion, no action was taken.

3. Wild Flowers- Commissioner Rachel Roberson stated to the Commission that the season was over, and the signs had been removed. She stated that the wildflowers could be mowed. After some discussion, no action was taken.

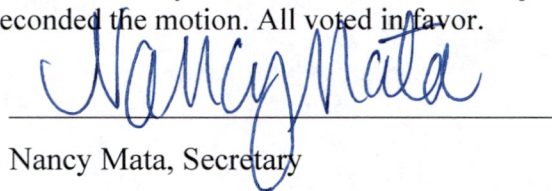
F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

1. Spring Sweep. The City Liaison stated to the Commission that 96 tires were collected and 33 cu yards, which is 8.9 tons of trash, were collected. Commissioner Nancy Mata stated that the Commission wished to find new ways to communicate information regarding the Spring Sweep in the future. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment. Commissioner Nancy Mata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Sheryl Joost seconded the motion. All voted in favor.



Adraylle Watson, Chairperson



Nancy Mata, Secretary