

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

Chairperson, Adraylle Watson declared a Regular Meeting of the Beautification Commission held at City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas 77488 duly open for the transaction of business at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners present were: Debbie Folks, Adraylle Watson, Sheryl Joost, Lucy Alaniz, Nancy Mata, and Rachel Roberson.

Commissioners absent were: Barbee Fortenberry

Staff members present were: Claudia Velasquez, Building Official
Nathan Vogt, Code Enforcement

Visitors: Josh Owens with Wharton Economic Development

Motion to accept roll call by Rachel Roberson seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

The first item on the agenda to review & consider: Reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on held March 8, 2023.

Motion to approve as drafted by Rachel Roberson seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider: Financial Report.

Commission reviewed YTD 2022-2023 budget. Discussed update from April 8, 2023 Farmers Market. There were no actions taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider: Certificate of Recognition.

Review and consider business/residence nominations for consideration of a Certificate of recognition.

1. Business – *Wharton Ford*, discussed, no action taken.
2. Residence – *no nominations*

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider: Advocacy & Art

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

1. Fundraising-Dog Park: Discussion -Donations are to go towards maintenance of park. There were no actions taken.

B. Art

No Action

C. Community (Adraylle Watson)

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: No requests at this time.
2. Event/Merchandise booths: There were no actions taken.
3. Train Depot Signs: Signs have been removed from all locations and Eagle Scout currently working on the signs.

D. Education (Adraylle Watson/Rachel Roberson)

1. Social media campaigns: There were no actions taken.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption program:
 - a. *Purchase additional Planter signs. \$6.99/each.* Motion to approve purchase of 10 new signs for in the amount of \$69.90 by Debbie Folks seconded by Rachel Roberson, all in favor.
2. Civic Center Planting: There were no actions taken.
3. Wildflower Shake-up: Will possibly happen in May.
4. Painted Rock Garden: Wharton County Commissioner Court approved the project on April 11, 2023. Pending approval from City Council.

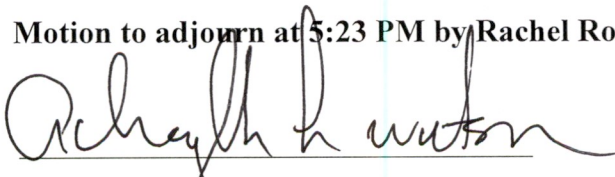
F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

1. Clean Sweep: City Liaison will collect number of volunteers for breakfast donation.
2. Commission hosted community clean-ups: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 at the Santa Fe Trail.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider: Announcements.

Josh Owens with Wharton Economic Development cleaning event will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 at the Santa Fe Trail.

Motion to adjourn at 5:23 PM by Rachel Roberson seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.



Adraylle Watson, Chairperson



Nancy Mata, Secretary