

**MINUTES OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

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, Ken Dimmick, Adraylle Watson, Nancy Mata

Commissioners absent were: Stephanie Konvicka, Rachel Roberson

Staff members present were: Gwyneth Teves, Director of Planning & Development

Visitors: Josh Owens, Wharton EDC

Motion to excuse absences by Debbie Folks, seconded by Ken Dimmick, all in favor.

**The first item on the agenda to review & consider: Election of Officers.**

Nomination of Chairperson to be Adraylle Watson was made by Ken Dimmick and seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

Nomination of Vice-Chairperson to be Ken Dimmick was made by Debbie Folks and seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.

Nomination of Secretary to be Nancy Mata made by Ken Dimmick and seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

**The second item on the agenda was to review and consider: Reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on held May 11, 2022.**

Motion to approve as drafted by Ken Dimmick, seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.

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

Commission reviewed YTD 2022 budget. No action required

**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. Residence – 811 Meadow Lane
2. Business – JM Eagle 10807 US 59
3. Organization – Caney Creek Conservation Foundation

Commission reviewed the nominations for recognition.

Motion to approve 811 Meadow Lane by Debbie Folks, seconded by Ken Dimmick, all in favor.

Motion to approve JM Eagle by Ken Dimmick, seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.

Motion to approve Caney Creek Conservation Foundation by Ken Dimmick, seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.

**The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider: 2022 Planning.**

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

1. Fundraising-Dog Park: Commission discussed working with the Wharton EDC for virtual fundraising through their organization. Request was made to have the approximate location of the dog park staked out by the facilities maintenance department for a visual inspection and looking into getting a sign stating "future home of dog park" purchased and installed. The commission was advised of advertising opportunity and costs provided by the Wharton Journal Spectator for website advertising to promote the dog park fundraiser. It was decided to not pursue this due to costs. Commission decided to explore the dog-themed t-shirt idea with further discussion. There were no actions taken.

2. Fire hydrant survey: Commission requested information on what could be done to get the fire hydrants painted. They had been advised that they could not do the work through volunteers but were aware of the Caney Creek Conservation Foundation doing some painting. This will be investigated further. Debbie Folks requested to receive the photos that have been submitted to date.

B. Art (Stephanie Konvicka)

1. Park mini-mural: No discussion.

C. Community (Adraylle Watson)

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: No requests at this time.

2. Event/Merchandise booths: Commission discussed future events to participate in, including Farmers Market, Wine Fair and Snow Day on the Square.

3. Train Depot Signs: Ken Dimmick advised that there was an interested Scout that wanted to take on the project and that they would present to the Commission at a later date for the funding and council approval. Ken Dimmick also provided a visual aid by showing one of the signs that had fallen from the pole.

D. Education (Adraylle Watson)

1. Social media campaigns – Recycle Tip Tuesday, ordinances: Commission

Members assisting with posts as they participate in events, etc.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption program: Commission discussed posting the new available planters for adoption on the Facebook page. Commission also discussed the current status of the existing planters and who had renewed adoptions and what planters are available.
2. Civic Center Planting: No updates.
3. Wildflower Shake-up: No updates.
4. Painted Rock Garden: Rachel Roberson worked with the Matagorda/Wharton County Community Coalition and the Wharton County Library to host a rock painting party and this was attended by approximately 25-30 participants. There is potential for future events as well.

Ken Dimmick did want to make sure that the Commission recognized and gave a commendation to Rachel Roberson for her work and implementation of the programs that have been really successful.

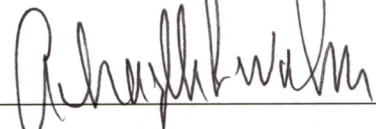
F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

1. Fall Sweep: Date set for the event to be September 17, 2022. Motion was made by Ken Dimmick, seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.
2. Commission hosted community clean-ups: Chairperson Adraylle Watson provided update on Social Clean Up Walks in partnership with Wharton EDC –More locations are being explored with the Wharton EDC and will be picked back up in the fall when temperatures are cooler.

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

None.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:11 PM by Debbie Folks and seconded by Ken Dimmick, all in favor.**

  
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Adraylle Watson, Chairperson

  
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Nancy Mata, Secretary