

**MINUTES OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
Special MEETING  
Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

Vice-Chairperson, Rachel Roberson 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, Sheryl Joost, Nancy Mata, Barbee Fortenberry, and Rachel Roberson.

Commissioners absent were: Adraylle Watson and Lucy Alaniz

Staff members present were: Nathan Vogt, Code Enforcement

Visitors:

Motion to accept roll call by Debbie Folks seconded by Barbee Fortenberry, all in favor.

**The first item on the agenda to elect officers for this next year.**

Adraylle Watson was elected as Chairperson; Rachel Roberson was elected as Vice-Chairperson; and Nancy Mata was elected Secretary.

**The second item on the agenda was Public Comments.**

**The third item on the agenda was to review & consider: Reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on held June 14, 2023.**

Motion to approve as drafted by Nancy Mata seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

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

Commission reviewed YTD 2022-2023 budget. Discussed items not included in report, i.e. BACODA grant check for the dog park. There were no actions taken.

**The fifth 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 – *No action was taken.*
2. Residence – *No action was taken.*

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

- A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)  
No Action

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B. Art

No Action

C. Community (Adraylle Watson)

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: The Commission discussed developing a template to provide people and/or organizations when requesting grants.
2. Event/Merchandise booths: Looking for the Wine Fair dates coming soon.
3. Train Depot Signs: Should be completed and submit receipts for reimbursement by August 30.
4. Caney Creek Conservation Foundation- Waiting on receipts. Will have to see how much can be reimbursed.

D. Education (Adraylle Watson/Rachel Roberson)

1. Social media campaigns: No Action.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption program: Waiting on confirmation from an organization interested in the last planter.
2. Civic Center Planting: There were no actions taken.
3. Painted Rock Garden: Working to find volunteers and a date to work on project.
4. Santa Fe Planters: One bid was collected, working on obtaining two more. Will look at all three bids and coordinate with City Liasson to meet with Public Works about how they can help.

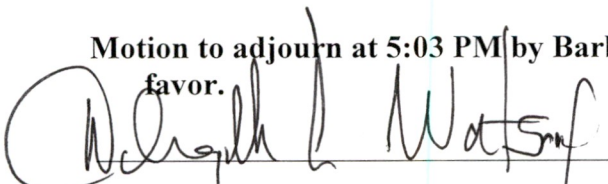
F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

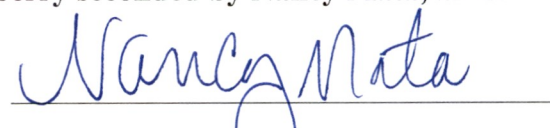
1. Date for the Fall Sweep 2023: The Commission has chosen September 16th and September 23<sup>rd</sup> as possible dates. City Liasson will send the two dates to Green For Life to see which date is the best option for their availability.

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

None

**Motion to adjourn at 5:03 PM by Barbee Fortenberry seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.**

  
Adraylle Watson, Chairperson

  
Nancy Mata, Secretary