MINUTES OF CITY OF WHARTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Regular MEETING Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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:

Sheryl Joost, Debbie Folks, Adraylle Watson, Nancy Mata,

and Rachel Roberson

Commissioners absent were:

None

Staff members present were:

Nathan Vogt, Code Enforcement

Claudia Velasquez, Building Official

Visitors:

Kaye McKlaine

Alise Isbell

Motion to accept roll call by Rachel Roberson seconded by Sheryl Joost, all in favor.

The first item on the agenda was Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

The second item on the agenda was to review & consider: Reading the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2023.

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

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

Commission reviewed the YTD 2023-2024 budget. 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 –
- 2. Residence 1916 Willowbend, 1505 Crestmont, 608 Bell discussed. Motion to accept 1916 Willowbend by Adraylle Watson, seconded by Sheryl Joost, all in favor.

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

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

a. The rules for the dog park approved on December 13, 2023, were approved by Paul Webb, the city attorney, with a few minor changes.

- b. Debbie Folks presented to the commission an updated quote by Custom Creations. The printing of the signs will still be \$295, to install the signs by Custom Creations will be \$346.66. Debbie Folks made the motion to send the rules and installation information to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval, seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor
- B. Art
 - 1. Crosswalk (Debbie Folks) No Action Taken.
- C. Community (Adraylle Watson)
 - 1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: No action taken.
 - 2. Event/Merchandise booths: No action taken.
 - 3. Train Depot Signs: Debbie Folks inquired about paint from Sherwin-Williams. The paint suggested would be \$29.15/gallon and should be able to be used on all of the posts, Sherwin-Williams will also supply smaller paint cans to pour the paint into. Debbie has contacted the Wharton Noon Day Lions to volunteer. Rachel Roberson motioned to approve the purchase of the paint, seconded by Sheryl Joost. All in favor. The City Liaison and Debbie Folks will coordinate on purchasing the paint.
- D. Education (Adraylle Watson/Rachel Roberson)
 - 1. Social media campaigns: No Action.
- E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)
 - 1. Planter Adoption program: Girl Scouts did not renew. Wharton High School Anchor Club has been working hard on the Museum flower bed and has even placed a tiger made out of reused tires.
 - 2. Painted Rock Garden: Rachel Roberson and the City Liaison will coordinate a time to make the purchases of the remainder bags.
 - 3. Santa Fe Planters: Alamo Lumber has donated landscaping timbers, and will hold to on to them till a date is set. The committee will begin to look at possible dates for the project.
- F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)
 - 1. GFL has confirmed that April 20, 2024 will work. The City Liaison suggested someone can look into programs that recycle tires to help offset the cost, Adrylle Watson said he would look into it.

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

None

Motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM by Rachel Roberson, seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

Adraylle Watson, Chairperson

Nancy Mata, Secretary