

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Regular MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 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 4:32 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: Nathan Vogt, Code Enforcement

Visitors: Walter Garrett, Amanda Gonzales, and Ron Sanders of Caney Creek Conservation Foundation.
Karen Smith

Motion to accept roll call by Rachel Roberson seconded by Nancy Mata, all in favor.

The first item on the agenda to review & consider: Reading of the minutes for the Special Meeting held on held May 17, 2023.

Motion to approve as drafted by Lucy Alaniz seconded by Sheryl Joost, all in favor.

The second item on the agenda was Public Comments

City Liaison mentioned that elections are next month, so please do not miss. City Liaison is working with current officers to come up with clear roles for the positions.

The third 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 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 – *No action was taken.*
2. Residence – *116 W First St.*, discussed, motion by Rachel Roberson, seconded by Debbie Folks, all in favor.

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

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

1. Fundraising-Dog Park: Discussion – purchasing signage of rules for the dog park. City Liaison will look into what it would take to name the dog park.

B. Art

No Action

C. Community (Adraylle Watson)

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: No Action
2. Event/Merchandise booths: No Action
3. Train Depot Signs: Since school is out for summer, it is difficult to get the welding for the signs completed.
4. Caney Creek Conservation Foundation- Walter Garrett: asked for any left grant funds help them purchase a water tank and pump to help water trees, estimated around \$1,200.

D. Education (Adraylle Watson/Rachel Roberson)

1. Social media campaigns: Announced Karen Smith as the winner of the Facebook Giveaway.
2. Rachel shared the analytics from May's Facebook page.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption program:
 - a. *There is one planter left out by the museum.* There were no actions taken.
2. Civic Center Planting: There were no actions taken.
3. Wildflower Shake-up: Will be held May 27, 2023 at the train caboose 9:30AM to 10:30AM. Nancy Mata made motion to approve purchase of materials needed, seconded by Lucy Alaniz, all in favor. Permission was given to mow Mockingbird Park.
4. Painted Rock Garden: Working to find volunteers.
5. Santa Fe Planters: Start collecting bids from companies to preform the work. City Liason will look for a approved vendor list to pass on to the Commission.

F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

No Action

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

Elections are next month, so please do not miss.

Motion to adjourn at 5:09 PM by Rachel Roberson seconded by Sheryl Joost, all in favor.


Adraylle Watson, Chairperson


Nancy Mata, Secretary