

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

City staff liaison, Krystal Hasselmeier, 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, Stephanie Konvicka, Rachel Roberson, Adraylle Watson

Commissioners absent were: Ken Dimmick, Tammi Janik, Deborah Newlin

Staff members present were: Krystal Hasselmeier

Visitors: Haywood Mack Ross

Motion to excuse absences by Rachel Roberson, seconded by Stephanie Konvicka, all in favor.

The first item on the agenda to review & consider: Reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on held April 13, 2022.

Motion to approve as drafted by Debbie Folks, seconded by Stephanie Konvicka, all in favor.

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

Commission member Rachel Roberson requested a column be added to template showing the prior month's balances for reference.

Commission reviewed YTD 2022 budget. No action required

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

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

1. Residence – 1725 Schley
2. Business – Wharton Dental at 1802 N. Richmond

Commission reviewed the nominations for recognition. Motion to approve nominations by Stephanie Konvicka, seconded by Rachel Roberson, all in favor.

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

A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)

1. Fundraising-Dog Park: Current donation income raised is \$1,373. City Finance Director is closer to being able to set up an online fundraising platform that can be added to Commission marketing. Staff Liaison to explore option of Wharton EDC hosting Facebook fundraising as a registered non-profit since Commission page does not qualify. Commission discussed

these events and update Staff Liaison on progress so that Commission items can be ready for presentations.

E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)

1. Planter Adoption program: All planters currently adopted at this time.
Commission member Rachel Roberson has scheduled a post highlighting adopted planters after updating 2 signs. Additional planter options are being explored at this time for others interested in adopting planters.
 2. Civic Center Planting: Staff Liaison Krystal Hasselmeier confirmed that project is currently on hold pending update from Civic Center staff. Civic Center staff has opportunity to consider replacing Civic Center sign and want to wait to do planting until this is confirmed and/or completed so as not to damage any plants.
 3. Wildflower Shake-up: Rachel Roberson provided update on project; project was very successful. Subcommittee has decided to also pursue contact with property owner at train caboose to see about doing a seed shake at this location.
- <Supplemental> Rock Garden: Rachel Roberson presented project proposal for painted rock garden, which can easily be done at an existing rock bed location at the Santa Fe Trail planters on the adoption list.

Motion to approve Painted Rock Garden project by Stephanie Konvicka, seconded by Adraylle Watson, all in favor.

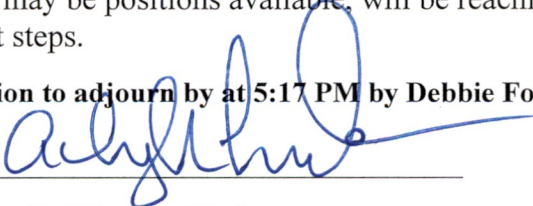
F. Trash/Recycling (Adraylle Watson)

1. Fall Sweep: No updates at this time, planning to begin in late summer. Staff liaison Krystal Hasselmeier exploring options for e-waste.
2. Commission hosted community clean-ups: Chairperson Adraylle Watson provided update on Social Clean Up Walks in partnership with Wharton EDC – there have been 4 walks to date, with a growing group of people. More locations are being explored with the Wharton EDC.

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

Staff Liaison, Krystal Hasselmeier: Reminder that some terms would be expiring after June 2022 and may be positions available, will be reaching out to members within the next week to discuss next steps.

Motion to adjourn by at 5:17 PM by Debbie Folks, seconded by Stephanie Konvicka, all in favor.



Adraylle Watson, Chairperson



Debbie Newlin, Secretary