



**CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 09, 2022
4:30 PM**

CITY HALL, 120 E. CANEY, WHARTON, TX, 77488

**NOTICE OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Beautification Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 4:30 PM at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Dated this 4th day of March 2022.

By: /s/Adraylle Watson

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Beautification Commission Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on March 4, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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Dated this 4th day of March 2022.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: 

Paula Favors
City Secretary



A G E N D A
CITY OF WHARTON
Beautification Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
City Hall - 4:30 PM

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Review & Consider:

1. Minutes: Reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held February 9, 2022
2. Financial Report
3. Certificate of Recognition
 - A. Review and consider businesses/residence nomination for consideration of a Certificate of Recognition
 1. Business - Cutting Edge at 315 E. Ahldag
 2. Residence - 816 N. Resident
4. At this time, the Commission may review and consider 2022 Projects.
 - A. Advocacy (Debbie Folks)
 1. Fundraising
 2. Dog park
 3. Trail enhancements
 4. Fire hydrant survey
 - B. Art (Stephanie Konvicka)
 1. Crosswalk art
 2. Mini-mural
 - C. Community
 1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers
 2. Event/Merchandise booths
 3. Train Depot Signs
 - D. Education (Adraylle Watson)
 1. Earth Day April 11, 2022
 2. Social media campaigns – Recycle Tip Tuesday, ordinances
 - E. Garden (Rachel Roberson)
 1. Planter Adoption program
 2. Community gardens/planters
 - F. Trash/Recycling
 1. Fall Sweep
 2. Commission hosted community clean-ups
5. Announcements

Adjournment.

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Commission Communications

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022	Agenda Item: #1. Review & Consider: Reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held February 9, 2022
<p>At this time, the Commission may review and consider the reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held February 9, 2022.</p>	
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace	Date: March 4, 2022
Approval: /s/ Adraylle Watson	
Chairman: Adraylle Watson	

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF WHARTON
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 9, 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: Ken Dimmick, Debbie Folks, Tammie Janik, Stephanie Konvicka, Deborah Newlin, Rachel Roberson, Adraylle Watson

Commissioners absent were: None

Staff members present were: Krystal Hasselmeier

Visitors: Catherine Shoppe (WCJC)

Motion to excuse absences by Ken Dimmick, seconded by Stephanie Konvicka.

The first item on the agenda to review & consider: Reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on held January 12, 2022.

Motion to approve by Debbie Newlin, seconded by Tammie Janik, all in favor.

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

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 - 305 N. Houston
2. Business – 134 W. Milam

Commission reviewed the nominations for recognition. Ken Dimmick noted that house was nominated because it was well maintained and had nice landscaping. Also noted that this house along with neighboring one recognized prior month made for a great pair.

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

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

A. Advocacy

1. Fundraising: Commission has sold a merchandise bundle but has not received any monetary donations at this time. Commission has also received a donation of a custom mosaic bench from an El Campo business owner, who will make the bench closer to the opening of the park. Staff liaison is also working with Finance Department to create a PayPal account for online donations.
2. Dog park: Flyer completed, will add online donation option once established so that

Commission can push the flyer out more. Flyer currently posting on social media.

3. Trail enhancements: No updates at this time.

B. Art

1. Sidewalk/crosswalk art: No update at this time.
2. Fire hydrant painting: Staff liaison spoke with Public Works Department who confirmed best not to paint fire hydrants as volunteer project but would be open to Commission organizing a way to identify fire hydrants that need to be painted. Commission discussed doing 'ugliest fire hydrant' contest or google form to make list. Also mentioned that this would be a good project for an Eagle Scout.
3. Other: Stephanie Konvicka noted that they started a youth council at Hesed House who would like to be volunteers for the Art Subcommittee.

C. Community

1. Grant giving for projects & community requests for supplies/volunteers: The monthly financial report has been adjusted to include a section monitoring the \$1,000 set aside funds for grant giving. Commission to decide if want to market this opportunity online or utilize as a tool for community engagement and support.
2. Event/Merchandise booths: No booths scheduled at this time. Rachel Roberson noted that Farmer's Market would be starting back up again soon, with their best markets being the Easter and Halloween events. Stephanie Konvicka believes that market will have more events this year. Rachel Roberson asked about booth set up, which staff liaison, Krystal Hasselmeier described as the 'go box' with everything the Commission needed to set up a booth for any event. Staff liaison to let Commission know when event opportunities come up so members can volunteer to participate.

D. Education

1. Earth Day April 11, 2022: Commission Chairperson Adraylle Watson provided update on discussions with WISD to provide an educational Earth Day program. He noted that nothing confirmed yet, but is working with school principal to determine what program would look like and should be able to provide more updates next month.
2. Social media campaigns – Recycle Tip Tuesday, ordinances: Social media campaigns are currently running, Commission to provide any information they would like to volunteer for these. Member Ken Dimmick asked for an ordinance informational tool to learn more about ordinances that relate to beautification.

E. Garden

1. Planter Adoption program: All planters currently adopted. Staff liaison Krystal Hasselmeier had contacted the Parks Department to see if there were other planters that could be added to the list, there are none currently identified by the Parks Department. Subcommittee lead, Rachel Roberson will look at parks to see if there are areas that Commission can work with Parks Department on establishing planters for adoption and would like to plan volunteer projects around this. Rachel Roberson would like to contact current planter adoptees to build a volunteer base for the subcommittee.
2. Community gardens: Project idea to be considered by Subcommittee lead, Rachel Roberson as she explores area parks to identify opportunities for volunteer

projects.

F. Trash/Recycling

1. Fall Sweep: No updates at this time, planning to begin in late Summer.
2. Commission hosted community clean-ups: No clean ups scheduled by the Commission at this time. Garden subcommittee lead, Rachel Roberson will keep an eye out for cleanup opportunities while looking at parks. Chairperson, Adraylle Watson noted that a men's group from St. James is interested in hosting regular clean up events that the Commission could support.

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

Staff liaison, Krystal Hasselmeier, discussed with Commission the subcommittee roles, the updates to the Commission bylaws, and examples of how subcommittees could operate. Subcommittees are headed by member(s) of the Beautification Commission based on project priorities identified by the Commission. The Subcommittees can be made of volunteers, can build relationships with community partners and organizations, and can propose projects to the Beautification Commission and/or Council where required. Staff liaison, Krystal Hasselmeier also noted that subcommittees allow Commission members opportunity to have flexibility in the beautification related activities they participate in. Subcommittee leads will be responsible for providing project proposal details, event outcomes, and other information for their corresponding section of the monthly packet and to be able to speak for their subcommittees accordingly. Commission agreed that the changes to bylaws made sense and will be submitted to Council for review.

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

Stephanie Konvicka announced that there would be 50-60 middle schoolers in Wharton for volunteer projects at the beginning of July if any of the subcommittees had ideas on projects. Ken Dimmick noted that the County is doing some extensive updates at the Wharton County Courthouse that look really nice.

Motion to adjourn by Rachel Roberson at 5:30 PM, seconded by Ken Dimmick, all in favor.

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Commission Communications

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022	Agenda Item: #2. Review & Consider: Financial Report
<p>At this time, the Commission may review and consider the Financial Report.</p>	
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace	Date: March 4, 2022
Approval: /s/ Adraylle Watson	
Chairman: Adraylle Watson	

**Wharton Beautification
Financial Statement as of March 1, 2022
Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Revenue	<i>(Merchandise sales, donations, etc.)</i>	\$ 606
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Total Budget:		\$ 7,500
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Expenses:		\$ 6,500.00
11/10/2021	Liberty Tire Service- Car Tire Off of Rim	\$ 712.00
12/31/2021	Walmart (Thank you cards)	\$ 10.00
1/25/2022	Annual Membership Fees	\$ 175.00
TBD	Fall Sweep (estimated based on 2021)	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 3,397.00</u>
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Community Grants		\$ 1,000.00
<i>No Grants YTD</i>		
Total Expenses		<u>\$ -</u>
Remianing Budget		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

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Commission Communications

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022	Agenda Item: #3. Review & Consider: Certificate of Recognition
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City Manager: Joseph R. Pace	Date: March 4, 2022
Approval: /s/ Adraylle Watson	
Chairman: Adraylle Watson	

Nomination for Recognition

Cutting Edge – 315 E. Ahldag



Nomination for Recognition

Item-3.

816 N. resident



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Commission Communications

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022	Agenda Item: #4. Review & Consider: 2022 Projects
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Approval: /s/ Adraylle Watson	
Chairman: Adraylle Watson	

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DOG PARK!

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Project Proposal
“Park Mini Mural”
By: Art Subcommittee

Project Description:

The art subcommittee would like the Commission’s approval to request permission from Council to work with the Parks Department on a volunteer paint-by number style mural at a City park location chosen in conjunction with the Parks Department Director. The art subcommittee would schedule a volunteer day for this event. The mini mural would be pre-outlined with sections of the image numbered according to the color for volunteers to paint in. Parks Department has agreed to trying this at one of the park locations. The Beautification Commission Art subcommittee will be responsible for maintaining the work, including graffiti abatement and routine touch-ups.

Location:

TBD in conjunction with Parks Department

Date:

Spring-Summer 2022

Cost:

Paint
 Painter’s tape
 Paint brushes
 Drop cloth

Participating Entities:

Parks Department



Volunteers

Project Proposal
“Train Depot Signs”
By: Ken Dimmick

Project Description:

A member of the Commission would like to do a project updating the train depot signs around town. It is believed that there are 4-5 of these signs with faded paint and deteriorating lettering.

Location:

Sign locations vary, can be removed from posts and brought to one location for project

Date:

TBD

Cost:

Scrapers
Cleaner/Scrub Brush
Spray paint
Vinyl lettering

Participating Entities:

Volunteers

PLANTER ADOPTION SCHEDULE

Sign	Airport Sign	Tiger Stadium 'Welcome' Sign	Wharton County Museum 'Welcome' Sign	Historic Downtown Wharton Planters	Riverfront Park Deck	Santa Fe Trail - East Entrance
Location	714 Robert Vonderau Rd	1929 E Boling Hwy	3615 N Richmond Rd	16 total – scattered around historic downtown area)	925-999 E Elm St	B-59/Hwy 60 at W. 3rd St
Adoptee	Mid Coast Title	Alyssa's Kisses	Livi Pops	WEDC	Roberson's Air Conditioning	Roberson's Air Conditioning
Term	9/2021-3/2022	8/2021-6/2022	8/2021-12/2021	4/2021-4/2022	12/2021-2022	7/2021-12/2022
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Project Proposal
“Civic Center Planting”
By: Garden Subcommittee

Project Description:

The Garden subcommittee would like to partner with the Civic Center in planting new plants in the area of the Wharton Civic Center sign. This and other beds are being prepped by a landscaper commissioned for by the City. Additionally, mulch is being purchased to fill in two curb spaces, which volunteers can clean out and spread mulch in. Civic Center staff will coordinate with the Garden subcommittee for this event.

Location:

Wharton Civic Center Sign at 1924 N Fulton St, Wharton, TX 77488

Date:

Date to be determined in conjunction with Civic Center Staff and landscaper.

Cost:

None – Materials already being paid for by Civic Center, volunteers would be asked to bring their own gloves and planting tools

Participating Entities:

Civic Center 

Volunteers

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Commission Communications

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022	Agenda Item: #5. Review & Consider: Announcements
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Approval: /s/ Adraylle Watson	
Chairman: Adraylle Watson	