

**CITY OF BERKLEY**  
**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
6:30 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Safety Building

**PRESENT:** Dan Mihaescu (Chair)  
Gary Elrod  
Lynn Khadra  
Ethan Fogle

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Patterson (City Council Liaison)

**EXCUSED  
ABSENCES:** Stephen Bard  
Taylor Beach  
Jeremy Coan  
Anela Mihaescu  
Jennifer Smittenberg

**ABSENCES:** Mishall Mariam Moin

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes 6-26-24
3. Landscape of the Year
4. Adopt a Garden Program
5. Community Center Mural/Wall Garden?
6. Other Items
7. Adjourn

**Meeting was called to order.**

- 1. Agenda for the Meeting was approved**
- 2. Minutes of the June 26, 2024 Meeting were approved**

### **3. Landscape of the Year**

Dan informed the Committee that letters were delivered to the nine winners. Seven of the nine winners approved the photos and consent forms were signed. Caitlyn from the City was sent photos and tips/suggestions from each home. One winner returned the recognition sign and the other recognition signs will be picked up at the end of August.

### **4. Adopt a Garden Program**

Dan informed the Committee that there are designated spots for the Adopt a Garden Program that were selected by the City. Dan is in communication with Shawn from DPW and the program is open for adoption. The Committee will consider factors and provide detailed rules to implement for the program as well as possibly integrating the use of rain barrels.

### **5. Community Center/Mural Garden**

Dan shared images of a wall garden with annual flowers on the wall of a Whole Foods in Chicago. The Committee discussed the wall garden as an alternative to a mural. The premise of the wall garden is that each year residents would plant flowers from community wide donations to create a bright and vibrant wall of color. The Committee was enthusiastically in favor of the idea.

### **6. Other Items**

The Committee briefly discussed the possible Luminary Campaign for the upcoming season and potential changes such as focusing on public areas, perhaps along Coolidge or along boulevards.

The Committee also agreed to schedule a cleanup at the Twelve Mile and Woodward bus stop for later in the season.

**Next Meeting scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Public Safety Building at 6:30 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by: Dan Mihaescu, August 17<sup>h</sup> 2024.