

City of Allen Park
Beatification Commission
Minutes 4/19/2023

Commissioners present: Cathy Collier, Kyle Waligora, Maureen Stauder, Ed Wurtzbacher, Don Graham, student commissioner Joshua Hancock. Special Guest Deb Zettel

Absent: Gisele Ford and Mathew Valerius, City Council Liaison.

Meeting call to order 6:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Amend/Correct Agenda from 3/15/2023: Kyle/Ed

Approve Minutes from 3/15/23: Ed/Maureen

Kyle gave an update on the “Good Neighbor Saturday” Earth Day cleanup event, Kyle stated that we should have approximately 40 volunteers on hand for the event, Kyle had been contacted by the A.P High School football coach, and said he would be bringing ten football players with him for the cleanup.

Kyle also stated that he was given an overabundance of supplies for the cleanup by Lowe’s Home Improvement.

Cathy made arrangements for us to leave the filled garbage bags in designated areas for pickup.

Ed mentioned that his wife would be picking up the food at 11:30 a.m. Ed will also be bringing a table and bungee cords for the banner.

The next two cleanup events are scheduled for:

May 20th, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

June 24th, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Ed mentioned the DDA now has a lawn maintenance company under contract to maintain the areas within the DDA zone.

Cathy acknowledged the efforts that Deb Zettel has put in to organizing, and updating the spreadsheet for the Adopt-A-Flowerbed program.

Cathy asked Ed if he could take charge of the flowerbed program, Ed declined due to other commitments.

Deb suggested to get a photo of each of the flowerbeds for easy identification of its location.

Cathy suggested to use a numbering system, as opposed to the cross streets of their location. Ed suggested to us both.

Deb said that unauthorized flowerbeds are popping up on mediums that the city has to cut the grass.

Cathy suggested that we need to share our social media post to a larger audience.

Cathy received two quotes for flowerbed signs. All of the commissioner present voted for the quote from Malko Media, whose quote came in at \$70 per sign, \$30 dollars less per sign than second quote she acquired.

Don, webmaster needs to monitor post that appear on our social media page.

Ed stated we should make a couple of post a week of things that pertains to the organization...plants that keep nuisance insects away like mosquitoes.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday May 17, 2023 6:30 p.m. City Hall