

WEST ALLIS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, November 13th, 2017 - 7:00 PM
West Allis City Hall
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

Present: Robin Kidd, Judy Schmidt, Linda Taylor, Mary Johnson, Marcia Lawson, Christine Lund, Mike Rushmer, Andi Hetzer

Excused: Paul Bodshaug, Pat Wolfe, Judy Hutto, Charlene Dempsey

Old Business

Minutes for July and September meetings were approved.

Review/Discussion of 2017 Awards Ceremony

Committee liked the design of the program this year, would like to do something similar again in the future.

Amount of refreshments this year was good, not too much left over but enough for everyone.

Andi will contact the Communications office to get copies of the 2017 award ceremony for the Committee members.

Committee members asked if letters were sent to non-winners. Andi checked the records and confirmed that notices were sent to all the finalists, informing residents of their nominations. After winners were selected they were sent the standard 'winner' letter, and non-winners were sent a notice thanking them for their participation. All non-winners will be added to list of nominees for 2018 automatically.

New Business

Introduction of newest Committee member Robin Kidd

District 2 Committee member Paul Bodshaug has submitted his resignation for his position on the Committee, the Mayor's office has been notified and we have begun searching for a replacement.

Committee Reports

Marcia reported back from CDBG Committee

Forestry will be awarded money for trees

Work is almost complete at Liberty Heights Park

Rogers Park will be getting minor updates (benches/pavers)

Roosevelt will be a new park (formerly Roosevelt School)

Staff Reports

Forestry intends on purchasing/planting approximately 650 trees for 2018

New boulevard planting beds will be installed at 71st/Beloit, Oklahoma/Beloit, 76th/Beloit and 76th/Oklahoma

Forestry is going to experiment with a gravel bed technique of holding trees.

Tree will be delivered in Spring, and then held in a gravel bed and watered regularly to increase the fine root hairs. These trees will then be planted in Fall. Research shows that planting with more fine root hairs will increase chances of survival.

Meeting Dates for 2018 – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 8th

March 12th

May 14th

July 9th (tentative review date for nominees)

September 10th (tentative date for Awards Ceremony)

November 12th

Adjournment

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