

GROSSE POINTE PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

LOCATION: Grosse Pointe Park City Hall Courtroom

01. CALL TO ORDER:

Lisa Kyle, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

02. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

A. PRESENT:

Lisa Kyle, Pat Deck, Cheryl Gauss, Nicholas Gwozdz, Shellie Hansen, Kelly Konieczki, and Barbara Miller.

City Forester: Brian Colter.

City Council Member: Brent Deaver.

B. EXCUSED:

Alicia Klein, Anne Billiu, Kim Clextan, Armen Gulian and Diane MacConnachie.

C. GUEST:

Brad Lindberg.

03. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The motion was made by the commission to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023.

The motion was first made by Brian Colter and seconded by Cheryl Gauss.

04. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

A. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER AND COUNCIL MEMBER:

Lisa Kyle welcomed both Kelly Konieczki and city council member Brent Deaver to the Beautification Commission.

Lisa also thanked Kim Clextan for her role as chairman these past years.

Lisa also thanked Vikas Relan for his roll as City council representative these past years.

B. COMMISSIONERS RENEWED:

Lisa thanked Cheryl Gauss, Armen Gulian and Nicholas Gwozdz for submitting their renewal applications as commissioners.

C. 2024 COMMISSION SCHEDULE AND ROSTER:

Lisa passed out the 2024 schedule for the commission events.

D. WEBSITE REVISIONS:

Lisa let the commission know that the city will be updating and revising the website.

Lisa would like to have the website to include the Holiday Awards. She would also like to have the sustainability listed with the Beautification Commission on the website.

05. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

06. PUBLICITY:

A. PARK COMMUNICATOR:

Brent Deaver, City Council Member, let the commission know that the city is still looking for an editor for the Park Communicator. At this point, the Communicator is on hold.

B. GROSSE POINTE NEWS:

Brad Lindberg wrote a really nice article on the Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony that was held in November 2023 in the Tompkins Center. The article was Featured in the Grosse Pointe News.

07. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ARBOR DAY – PAT DECK:

Pat Deck let the commission know that she is getting the posters ready to be distributed to the schools. She will have more information at the March 6, 2024, meeting.

B. SPRING EXCHANGE – ALICIA KLEIN:

Alicia Klein sent a message that she will be able to give a full report at the March 6, 2024 meeting.

C. FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – KELLY KONIECZKI:

Kelly Konieczki let the commission know that there is a fundraising opportunity for Grosse Pointe Park, MI ENSE. This would be a native plant sale. Plants that are not usually available locally. This event would require volunteers to participant.

08. FORESTRY REPORT – BRIAN COLTER:

Brian Colter let the commission know that in 2023 over 100 trees were planted in Grosse Pointe Park. Brian also let the commission know that Grosse Pointe Park received a TIFA Grant of \$40,000.00 for trees to be planted.

09. SUSTAINABILITY – LISA KYLE:

A. WEBSITE – SUSTAINABILITY PAGE:

Lisa Kyle would like to see that the sustainability has its own page.

B. MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITIES & RAIN GARDEN PROJECTS:

Brian Colter let the commission know that the city will know sometime in March/April who will be submitting the concept design and the contractor for the rain garden project.

C. 2024 NWF MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE:

Kelly Konieczki updated the commission regarding the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Last Year (2023) 13 out of 29 challenges were completed. The commission has already committed to 16 tasks so far this year.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A. HOLIDAY AWARDS – PAT DECK, BARBARA MILLER & ANNE BULLIU:

Pat Deck and Barbara Miller let the commission know that sixty-one (61) Award

Certificates are being mailed out to residents in Grosse Pointe Park.

B. FOX CREEK MASSACRE SIGN:

A resident in Grosse Pointe Park has volunteered to help with the landscaping around the sign.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm. The motion was first made by Cheryl Gauss and seconded by Barbara Miller. The adjournment was approved by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Shellie Hansen, Recording Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

Shellie Hansen