

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WASHINGTON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Washington In Bloom Committee took place on Monday, April 11, 2016. Those in attendance included Mayor Sandy Lucy, Co-Chair Sally Bocklage, Co-Chair Dave Wehmeyer, Committee Members Jill Straatmann, John Steffens, Mary Beth Rettke, John Vietmeier, and Darren Dunkle. Members not in attendance include Committee Members Danielle Grotewiel and Joe Holtmeier.

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2016. Committee Member Straatmann made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Rettke. Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item #3: Committee Reports**

a) AIB Administration –

- Mr. Dunkle reported that the AIB Judges would be coming in on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>; Judging taking place on July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>; and departing on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Itinerary – Discussion took place in regards to sites – Visit Mercy Native Butterfly Garden, other Monarch Butterfly Gardens.
- Mayor Lucy reported that the City received the Editors Choice for Best of the Best Most Beautiful Rural Cities.
- Mr. Dunkle stated that he needed committee nominations for the Self Nomination for each Criteria Area.
- Mr. Dunkle stated that the City received the Tree City USA Award for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and the Growth Award for the third consecutive year.

b) Projects – Co-Chair Wehmeyer made the following report:

- Continue to work with the Master Gardeners and Parks Staff in regards to re-landscaping the Heritage Transportation Park (Caboose). Discussion took place in regards to possible funding and the possible refurbishment of the Caboose. Mayor Lucy and Committee Member Vietmeier will talk to Clearance.
- Earth Day/Arbor Day – Is scheduled to take place at 10-3 on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hillermann's.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Hillermann's will host an event to push pollinators, and if individuals purchase five pollinating plants, Hillermann's will donate five pollinating plants to the Parks Department to be planted at the Phoenix Park Butterfly Garden.

c) Programs/Contest - Co-Chair Bocklage reported the following:

- The spring kickoff at Hillermann's was a huge success. Committee Member Steffens worked the WIB information booth.

- Yard of the Moth forms have been placed on the City website and a Press Release had been sent to the paper.
  - Working on the Profile Book.
  - Handed out door hangers to Committee members.
- d) Fund Raising – Discussion took place in regards to have some type of fundraiser for the refurbishment of the Caboose.
- e) Marketing
- Committee Member Dunkle reported that staff is placing WIB information and activities on their Facebook page at “Washington Missouri Parks”.
- f) Volunteer
- Committee Member Dunkle reported that the first Weeding Wednesday event will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Krog Park.
  - Probation & Parole will be working on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #4: Old Business**

- a) WIB Banners – Discussion took place on the placement of the banners.

**Agenda Item #5: New Business**

- a) Downtown Washington Banners – Committee Member Dunkle reported that he was working on the development of Bid Specifications on banners for Downtown.

**Agenda Item #6: Next Meeting** – May 9, 2016, 9:00 am at City Hall.

**Agenda Item #7: Adjournment** – Co-Chair Dave Wehmeyer made a motion at 10:10 am to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Vietmeier. Motion was approved.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**