

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WASHINGTON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016**

A meeting of the Washington In Bloom Committee took place on Monday, March 14, 2016. Those in attendance included Mayor Sandy Lucy, Co-Chair Sally Bocklage, Co-Chair Dave Wehmeyer, Committee Members Jill Straatmann, John Steffens, Joe Holtmeier, John Vietmeier, Darren Dunkle, and guest Harriet Sallaberry, Bill Schwab, and Ardis Briggs. Members not in attendance include Committee Members Danielle Grotewiel and Mary Beth Rettke.

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2016. Committee Member Steffens made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Co-Chair Bocklage. Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item #3: Committee Reports**

- a) Programs/Contest - Co-Chair Bocklage introduced the Yard of the Month Judges Harriet Sallaberry, Bill Schwab, and Ardis Briggs (Dodie Costello unable to attend).
- Co-Chair Bocklage reported that the number of entries in the past several years has fluctuated between 20 and 60.
  - Discussion took place in regards updating the entry form to include judging criteria, nominated by information, and owner contact. Once the entry form has been updated, it will be placed on the City website and printed forms will be placed at the Parks Office and Library.
- b) AIB Administration – Committee Member Dunkle reported the following:
- Reported that he had been contacted by Ms. Leslie Pittenger, AIB Judge in regards to potential dates in June or July. Mr. Dunkle stated that the Committee would prefer July.
  - Stated that he needed committee nominations for the Self Nomination for each Criteria Area.
- c) 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). He had put together a preliminary landscape plan and had submitted it to the Master Gardeners for their input. He stated that he is also working on cost estimates for the plant material and irrigation. It was reported that it may be possible for some of the proceeds from the Beer Run to go towards the irrigation; however, they still need funding for the planters at the Train Depot. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion took place in regards to participating in the “Million Pollinator Garden Challenge”, “Monarch Waystation Certification Project”, and taking the “Mayors for Monarchs Pledge”. On March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm Hillermann’s will host an event in part to encourage the total planting of one hundred pollinating gardens within Washington. At that time, they will also formally announce this year’s planting colors of Red, Yellow and Midnight Blue.
  - Earth Day/Arbor Day – It was discussed that the City and Hillermann’s team up to host this year’s Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Hillermann’s will be handing out 100 18” White Oak Seedlings as part of the Oak Tree Promotion. The celebration could also consist of speeches by the Mayor on

the Monarch Pledge, Joyce on Monarch Pollinators; Story time; Crafts; and booths by the WIB and UFC. Further planning will take place over next couple of months.

- 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.
  - Committee Member Dunkle reported that he had spoken to Ms. Slava Bowman about the idea of creating an Edible Garden along with the Community Gardens to be placed within the Parks system, and that he would be looking for a suitable location.
- d) Fund Raising – Discussion took place in regards to possibly hold a weekend fundraiser for the purchase of the planters that are needed at the Train Depot.
- e) Marketing
- Committee Member Dunkle handed out the brochure on WIB created by Mary Beth Rettke.
  - Co-Chair Bocklage reported that she is working on the Community Profile Book, and that Claudette will be assisting again this year. She further stated that the Book is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f) Volunteer
- Committee Member Dunkle reported that the first Weeding Wednesday event will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Probation & Parole will be working at Phoenix Park on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #4: Old Business**

**Agenda Item #5: New Business**

**Agenda Item #6: Next Meeting** – April 11, 2016, 9:00 am at City Hall.

**Agenda Item #7: Adjournment** – Committee Member Steffens made a motion at 10:03 am to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Straatmann. Motion was approved.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**