

**Beautification Task Force  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 28, 2008  
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 in the Board Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: Brian McElwain, Dr. Joe Ryne, Candy Cleveland, Nancy McKeague, Penny Bohnen  
Absent: None

Also Present: Public Services Director, George Franco, Village Forester, John Finnell, Village Horticulturist, Dan Hopkins, Cindy Wills, Debra Lazar Pearl, Carol Smith

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. McElwain motioned to have the minutes for April 2, 2008 approved. Ms. Cleveland seconded the motion, pending changes. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. McElwain motioned to have the minutes for April 30, 2008 approved. Ms. Cleveland seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business**

- a.) Mr. McElwain began the meeting by discussing the Doings article about the BTF. He feels that the BTF should submit a statement to the Doings to help better explain what the BTF is about and what we are trying to accomplish. Ms. Bohnen wants the BTF to submit to the Doings a strong statement about the need for a Master Plan for the Memorial Building. Ms. Bohnen would like to educate the residents on the history of the Memorial Building and its importance as a valuable civic asset. Ms. Smith introduced herself and explained that she is the granddaughter of Philip R. Clarke, the Chairman of the 1927 Hinsdale Memorial Building Project. She went on to explain that the Memorial Building was fully funded by contributions from all but two of the Village residents. There was an architect contest held for the original design of the Memorial Building. Ms. Smith suggested the Village hold a new contest for Landscape Architects to do the Master Plan for the Memorial Building. Dr. Ryne said “the Village chose the best architects originally, why not choose the best now.” Ms. Bohnen suggested that Ms. Smith submit a history of the Memorial Building to the newspapers. Mr. Franco said we give the residents the history, then we get support, then we look for financial contributions for the Memorial Building Master Plan.
- b.) Mr. McElwain suggested the BTF divvy up duties to individual task force members. Ms. Bohnen and Ms. Smith offered to do the history of the Memorial Building for the newspapers. Mr. McElwain asked that the remaining BTF members work on design intent, funding, and possibly an architectural contest for the Memorial Building Master Plan.
- c.) At the last BTF meeting there were several questions regarding the proposed screening wall at the Memorial Building. First, will there be enough airflow for these units to work properly, if there is a brick wall surrounding them? Mr. Finnell talked to Kroeschell Engineering and they said they would install air vents to ensure proper air circulation. Second, how much would it cost to move the A/C units and generator to the west side of the library? Mr. Finnell talked to the Building Maintenance Manager, Jim Pointkowski, who told him it would cost between \$500,000 and \$900,000. Finally, why were the A/C units put in their current location? Mr. Franco explained to the BTF that the A/C units

were put there because they need to be close to the building's mechanical room, which is located directly north of the A/C units. Dr. Ryne asked if the A/C units be moved to a flat spot on the Memorial Building's roof. Mr. Franco said the building is not designed to hold that much weight.

- d.) Ms. Cleveland told the BTF that Carol Yeltan from CYLA Design was going to be in Hinsdale and would like to meet with some of the members of the BTF to discuss the Memorial Building Master Plan.
- e.) Review and discussion of Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan were tabled till the next BTF meeting.
- f.) There was some discussion on improper tree mulching techniques (volcano mulching) going on throughout the Village. Ms. Cleveland feels that volcano mulching is a very serious problem and feels it needs to be addressed right away. Mr. Finnell told the BTF that a newsletter will be distributed to all the Village residents to explain the importance of proper mulching. Mr. McElwain feels the BTF should help educate the public on proper horticultural practices.

#### **New Business**

- a.) No new business.

#### **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hopkins  
Village Horticulturalist