

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
July 22, 2009
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: Brian McElwain, Joe Ryne, Penny Bohnen, Candy Cleveland,

Absent: Nancy McKeague

Also Present: Director of Public Works George Franco, Village Horticulturalist Dan Hopkins, Village Forester John Finnell, Don Greikes – Suburban Life

Approval of Minutes

The Beautification Task Force Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 24th, 2009 meeting. Ms. Bohnen motioned for the approval of the minutes from June 24, 2009. Dr. Ryne seconded.

Old Business

Discuss Bicycle Rack Locations

Mr. McElwain provided background information regarding the July 15 meeting at Train Depot with Matt Griffin, former member of the Bicycle Task Force, to discuss possible locations for bike racks on the train property. General discussion took place over the possible locations for new bike racks. He used Western Springs as an example of a good layout. Dr. Ryne raised a safety concern regarding one of the locations for a potential bike rack on the southwest side of the train tracks. He also was looking to clear clutter on the property and add more benches for riders. He questioned the possibility of adding a covered area for bikes to park and to also separate mopeds and pedal bikes. Ms. Cleveland questioned how many bike racks are currently used in the Village and also the usage of mopeds. The Task Force requested a count of usage for both at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Hopkins expressed his concerns with the placing of a bike rack east of Garfield Rd. due to safety issues crossing the street. The Task Force discussed questions that could be placed on a survey to be given to Village residents taking the train. Dr. Ryne requested that a member from the Bicycle Task Force attend the next meeting to present information from their report to save.

Mr. McElwain motioned to invite a member from the Bicycle Task Force for the next scheduled meeting to answer questions the Task Force may have. Dr. Ryne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Hinsdale Rotary Clock Discussion

Dr. Ryne questioned the location of the new meter near the Rotary Clock. Mr. Franco stated this meter will be used to read the electricity for the clock and is an upgrade from a basic meter model. It also has the ability to function if new lighting fixtures are installed as well as other features. This box has the potential to be screened by plants and other types of landscaping. Discussion took place over the procedure needed to see if any changes were made to the approved plans of the Rotary Clock. The Task Force also discussed financing for this project and the plantings that should be chosen for this location as well as the possibility of terracing. Mr. Franco stated zero money is available for plantings at this time although the installation of the bricks and clock has been paid for by the Village and Rotary Club. General discussion took place over the layout of the brickwork. Mr. Franco stated at this time the clock and bricks will be installed by August 10th and then further discussion can take place regarding plantings. Mr. Hopkins expressed his concerns with certain types of plants chosen for the Hinsdale Rotary plant bed due to a number of reasons such as water needs, damage from winter salt, and heat issues. He requested plants should be chosen that could survive each of these conditions so they do not have to be replaced each year. Discussion continued over the layout of the design.

Update on Tribute Tree Program

Ms. Cleveland reported how Hinsdale Nurseries would determine a price for trees purchased for the Tribute Tree Program and also trees purchased for Village owned property. She provided examples to the Task Force and discussed the creation of a form for residents to purchase trees for this program. The Task Force discussed pricing and other issues facing this program. Mr. Franco stated one of the positive features that could result from this is if the Village would purchase from Hinsdale Nurseries advertising and also a substantial discount could be included depending on the amount of money spent each year. The Task Force discussed the next steps needed to continue the implementation of this program before a report from the EPS Committee is presented. Ms. Cleveland requested to meet with Mr. Finnell to keep the planning process of this program going.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Mr. McElwain motioned to adjourn. Dr. Ryne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ragona
Administrative Intern