



**Terry Briggs**, Mayor  
Brendan Kane, Director

*City of Bridgeton  
Parks & Recreation  
Department*

**Beautification Commission Meeting  
January 14, 2021 Reporting**

Connie Vogler (Chairperson) opened the meeting at 6:00PM

**Members in attendance:** Connie Vogler (Chairperson), Mary Mierkowski, Rick Fichter (BRC Sr. Program), Randy Hein (Ex. Officio), and Angela Wright (Secretary)

**Members absent:** Kathy Glaser, Jayne Schmitt, Judi Timmons, Helen Jenkins, Barbara Williams, Amy Cheir, Joan Schlechta, Carrie Linenbroker, and Becky Kincaid

**Ex-Officio Report:**

Randy Hein provided everyone with Bridgeton city updates. Additional city business details are available via the Bridgeton Mayor's Newsletter and the city's website located @ [www.bridgetonmo.com](http://www.bridgetonmo.com). Randy also answered commission member questions.

**New Business:**

The meeting began with discussions regarding the Beautification's 2021 Budget and purchasing information:

- **Beautification 2021 Budget:** Randy confirmed that Beautification's budget for 2021 is \$10,000. The 10% increase we were asking for was not approved. However, attending members felt that Beautification could accomplish the projects that were set for 2021.
- **Purchasing Process:** Any purchases for Beautification should be purchased using the City of Bridgeton Tax Exempt letter otherwise taxes will not be reimbursed. (A discussion took place regarding savings for the city and should many people have access to this letter.)

**Old Business:**

- **Plant Giveaway Spring 2021:** We were able to secure 'Goldfinch' Daisies in 1-gallon pots for our spring 2021 plant giveaway. Mayor Briggs also agreed to add another food drive to the spring plant giveaway. Below are points discussed regarding the Mayor's food drive:
  - Can we set up a separate food deposit location away from the plants? Last year there were tubs located in the lineup. However, once the tubs became full, we ended up with drop offs along the area with the plants. We will need additional tubs this year.
  - How do we distribute the food? Rick Fichter from the Senior Program advised that the Bridgeton Senior Program gives donated food to Loaves & Fishes. Connie reminded attending members that the amount of food donated at the plant giveaway last year was a large amount. Angela said that the Mayor and Brittany partnered with STL Food Bank of Bridgeton and the

food bank did all of the work of dropping off empty cans and collecting the filled cans plus any overages (which included 6 tables of food). Connie looked up the local STL food bank located in Bridgeton and said she would contact them and set up this year's collection. She will report back her findings at our February 11, 2021 meeting.

- **Veteran's Memorial Bench:** Rick Fichter, van driver for Bridgeton's Sr. Program, oversees the memorial bench area which is located on the north-east portion of the BRC parking lot (where the teen campers sit and wait for pick up). He has had problems with planting flowers in that location due to rock in the ground 3" from surface. The other problem is purchasing the appropriate drought tolerant flowers. Our Beautification commission agreed to help Rick with this project. Below are a few items that were discussed:
  - He has planted dianthus and vinca and had to water 2-3 times a week. (Both flowers are drought tolerant. Just want to make sure to purchase right species of drought tolerant flowers as well.)
  - There is full sun in the area from 11a.m. – evening in the summer. It was then suggested we use 2 big pots with plenty of potting soil instead of tackling rock.
  - Members are to bring pictures of suggested big pots to our February meeting. Anyone on the commission can make this suggestion.
  - Rick also suggested we use solar lights to light up the area at night. Connie said she would purchase additional lights when purchasing lights for Dolphin Cove.
  - We discussed a feasible small watering can/device that Rick could use and handle with ease. Angela will bring suggestions to the February meeting.
  - Our budget for this project is approx. \$200
  - Mary M. will bring pictures/information for suggested drought tolerant plants.
  - Colors – Rick suggested red, white and blue
  - Additional plans and dates to be discussed at our February meeting.
- **Helping out at Optimist monument on Natural Bridge Road & St. Charles Rock Road:**


We missed the Optimist meeting that was held recently. However, the next meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday in March at the BRC. We asked Councilman Randy Hein to ask the Optimist Club if they would like donated plants since he is a member. He will report back at our next meeting. In the meantime, Mary M. will take pictures of the area and bring to our next meeting.

After all agenda bullets were covered, there was an agreement to adjourn the meeting at approx. 7:10PM

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**NEXT OFFICIAL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**6PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 at the BRC**



Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Wright – Secretary