

Keep Lakewood Beautiful Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

In Attendance: Ruth Gillett, Mac Levi, Joe Stolitza, Melissa Meehan, Isaac Hunt, Marianne Quasebarth, Tish Marshall, guest Devin Beatty, and Katie Meehan on behalf of the City of Lakewood

Melissa Meehan Chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of June minutes were distributed for review and approval. Minutes were unanimously approved by those in attendance and a quorum was met.

Prior to going over the agenda, Melissa and Marianne introduced Devin Beatty. Devin had presented at council on the past Monday about “no mow lawns.” Devin has a background in environmental studies and spoke about the benefits of not mowing or maintaining grass which included reduction of pesticides, environmental health hazards, noise and gas pollution and little habitat for insects and other animals to live in.

Old Business:

- a. **Event Work Plans Update-** No changes from the July meeting. Group decided to move forward as is. Tish will share with Melissa before sending to the city.
- b. **AAS Updates-** The group sent over some photos to Katie of the AAS locations but need to keep sending over the others. There has been interest from a local school in an AAS, Katie will forward that email to Ruth. Ruth is also going to check in on the current AAS locations and see if there are any open or not being maintained.
- c. **Bylaws Update-** Nothing has been updated yet. Melissa, Ruth and Carla to re- schedule a time.
- d. **Compost Program-** The compost program is up and running! There are 2 bins, being picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. The City shared the program on their social media and Isaac will be helping with the KLB Facebook page. Melissa is going to share the details with Tish so KLB can get an article in the Observer regarding the program. The only other concerns from the group were regarding the signage on site of the bins. Melissa will check with City to see if they can get another sign facing the street and to incorporate city and KLB logo.

Upcoming Business/ Events:

1. **Beautiful Home Awards-** The group is making good progress on reviewing all the submitted houses. Everyone to send 2-3 photos of their favorite houses to Isaac, if they have not already done so. The plan is to present at Council on November 18th- Katie to confirm. They will have 7 winners because the houses were broken down into 7 school districts.
2. **Monarch Garden-** Marianne and Melissa spent a day weeding and mulching, they planted more Milkweed. Currently, the garden is looking nice but still ongoing conversation about who will care for it more full-time.
3. **Liter/Clean- Up Event-** Isaac and Melissa spoke with Around the Corner who was willing to help with the event and provide a special deal or discount to all the people who participated in the clean-up. Tentatively, the group is looking at Oct. 2nd at 6:00 pm, Isaac will confirm. Supplies

should not be a problem. Once the date is confirmed, Isaac will share, and the group can advertise it.

4. **Adopt-A-Spot Breakfast-** Will table this conversation until Carla, chair of the event is present. Katie will check pavilion rental in the meantime.

Action Items:

- A. Melissa to send Mac information regarding the Keep America Beautiful criteria for 2020 deadline
- B. Event chairs to send workplan feedback to Tish, when completed Tish to send workplans to Melissa.
- C. Group to keep sending AAS photos to Katie for the website
- D. Katie to forward AAS interest email to Ruth
- E. Bylaws group to reschedule a time to meet & update
- F. Melissa to send details about compost program to Tish
- G. Tish to write compost program article for Observer
- H. Melissa to inquire about signage at compost program site
- I. Group to send Beautiful Home Awards photos to Isaac
- J. Isaac to confirm liter pick- up event
- K. Katie to check pavilion rental for AAS breakfast

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.