

Geneva Beautification Committee

May 5, 2018

Sunset Fitness Center

710 Western Ave, Geneva 7pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kathy McNeil, Jena Villarreal, Janice Lucchetti, Kristie Dienst, Mark Chalmers, Dan Edwards, Roberta Edwards, Debbie Reitz, Mary Kay Brown, Jay Moffat

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jena Villarreal.

Jena stated the summer planting will be May 19th. Committee Members are asked to be at the parking lot at 7am for help with truck unloading

Kathy McNeil went over a few new changes that will be made for the summer planting and asked the area captains to please correspond with their garden captains.

1. Plant pick up will be from 7:30-8:30 AM on May 19th at the parking lot to the west of United Methodist Church.
2. Ask Garden Captains to know their garden numbers when they pick up the plants, they will be asked.
3. Lawn bags will be given out if anyone is in need. Any plastic containers, we ask the gardeners to take home and recycled.
4. Lawn bags will be picked up between 9-10:30am
5. IF gardeners are not going to plant on the 19th, plants must still be picked up between 7:30-8:30 AM and yard waste taken with them not left on corner after 10:30 AM on the 19th.

A discussion was made regarding safety of the Gardeners. Jay Moffett stated there are signs at the City building that have been placed in front of Buttermilk and Aurelios stating 'Planting Day Drive Safely' We will see those are put out on the 19th.

Peat Moss that has been at the City Garage needs to be thrown away and Jay will take care of as it is old.

Mark Chalmers went over the summer plants that were chosen. A discussion was made regarding drought tolerant plants and possibly new self-watering containers, all will be looked into for future review.

Watering schedule of the irrigated area was discussed.

Canas will be available for gardeners if they choose, ask at the plant distribution in parking lot.

Jena will follow up with the city regarding the placing of the hanging baskets and bridge boxes, if help is needed in placing them, she will let us know.

Janice gave a run down on garden areas and who is planting them, to include-

Moonlight Landscaping has adopted a very large garden area on Route 31 and Third Street and additionally they will be collaborating with GHS Horticultural on their garden as well.

American Landscaping has taken over an entire lot to help with safety on **Route 38...that's huge!**

Public Works was recognized for helping to relocate several gardeners to better and safer garden areas.

Sign orders are being processed. Janice is also looking into the regulations from the city about signs. David DeGroot is the City Planner and she will contact him about specific rules.

A discussion was made regarding mulch for the future in areas, nothing was decided, and we will take this year to observe the need.

Website and Social Media and marketing was discussed with new ideas that will be looked into.

Planting dates for 2018:

Summer Planting Saturday May 19th

Fall Planting Saturday August 25th

Clean-Up Saturday November 3rd

Next Meeting Dates at Sunset Fitness Center 7pm
Thursday August 9th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm