

Beaverdale Beautification Committee meeting via Zoom 8/17/21

Attended: Nancy Dunbar, Toni Hayes, Sasha Kamper, Marion Wissler, Linda Blair, Jean Swanson, Paul Melton

Garden Walk funds: it was suggested we revisit our recommendation to the BNA Board how we want the funds from the Garden Walk allocated since the Fall Festival has been cancelled for 2021. After reviewing suggestions from Jay Kozel, we decided to leave the allocations as they were but **reserve** the \$2000 for now that was to go to Fall Festival.

Trees: After cancelling the pruning party when the trees in the streetscape were already pruned, it was decided to schedule a pruning party on Saturday, Sept. 18th to concentrate on the small trees in the Urbandale median. We will gather at 9 AM near the Beaverdale sign with our saws. Nancy will contact Eugene who has offered to drive his tractor and trailer for the branches. Nancy and Terry continue to water 3 trees twice weekly in the median.

Parks: Nancy will contact Julie Hempel at Parks and Rec about planting a memorial tree in Witmer Park for Mary Maloney. It was suggested that the pocket park on Raymond Drive near Flying Mango could be a future sight for tree plantings. Toni has suggested not to plan on doing any more transplanting in Ashby Park this fall due the extremely dry conditions.

Flowers: flower order will be needed for next spring soon

Urbandale Median: Construction has not started yet at 34th St.

Streetscape: Fareway is to start demolition of the bank building, not sure if it will be possible to salvage any plantings.

Next meeting: September 21st at 6:30, location TBD

And this note came to me this weekend from Bill Gray - John Knapp has been able to lease the old gas station space at Beaver and Douglas and a Scooters coffee shop is going to go in there. In the process, they are going to tear down the old building and build new. I asked him about a plan (that Cork Smalley wanted to do) about putting a monument on that site showing people they are entering Beaverdale – much like the one on the median on Urbandale and Beaver. He said he'd be happy to work with the BNA to put up something.