



**CITIZENS' BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 6:00 PM**

The Citizens' Beautification Committee convened in regular session at 6:00 PM, February 20, 2025. Committee Chair Lavazza called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Izola Tyus	Committee Member	Present
Margaret Kraft	Committee Member	Present
Jennifer Aurora	Committee Member	Present
Gina Lavazza	Committee Chair	Present
Daniel Freburg	Committee Member	Present
Joni Painter	Committee Member	Present
Deborah Johnson	Committee Member	Absent
Fredrick Marling	Committee Member	Absent
Eldon Haab	Committee Member	Absent
Michaela Kent	Committee Member	Absent

Staff Present: Assistant Superintendent of Park Maintenance Jeremey Meints also attended meeting.

Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person may register at cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Neither in-person or emailed: No public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Committee Member Painter made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Kraft, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Committee Chair Lavazza directed the secretary to call roll:

AYES: Painter; Freburg; Lavazza; Kraft; Aurora; Tyus

Motion passed.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2024
Regular Session Citizens' Beautification Committee Meeting.
Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Continued Discussion on the Potential Projects the Citizens' Beautification
Committee can take on in the immediate future and incorporate local schools in projects.
Evaluate ideas and try to pinpoint a project to begin working on.

The discussion concerning the future projects continued from the Fall 2024 meeting. Committee Member Kent discussed Route 66 projects, including a rock formation/design to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Route 66. Committee Member Aurora planned to follow up and inquire with material suppliers for donations, while Committee Chair Lavazza intended to reach out to art centers regarding the donation of supplies.

Committee Member Tyus suggested the McArthur Boulevard Butterfly Park as a potential location for overseeding and planting spring trees for beautification. The Committee also discussed creating a banner for events like the Farmers Market to promote the Committee. Committee Chair Lavazza agreed to work on designs and present them at the March meeting for review.

Additionally, the Committee addressed Arbor Day, which is approaching in April. Committee Member Aurora committed to reaching out to a school for consideration and planned to follow up with Committee Chair Lavazza and Staff Liaison Jeff Hindman for further action.

Co-Chair Freeburg proposed creating a calendar for committee members to track projects and meetings. The discussion concluded with each member contributing a to-do list of ideas for the next meeting.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Parks and Recreation
Department on General Department Updates

The Park Maintenance division had been working on tree work requests, circuit pruning and stump removals to be prepared for the upcoming spring tree planting season. The utility staff had been replacing the playground at Bittner Park and will move to Fell Park once completed there to replace that existing playground. Upcoming events include the Polar Plunge and Miller Park Zoo Stampede. The Parks Department is working with Ameren power to conduct a wildflower seeding project near the Emerson street bridge.

Committee Member Comments

Committee Chair Lavazza reminded the Committee to continue to complete the Open Meeting Act and Freedom Of Information Act training. Committee Chair Lavazza also informed the Committee that Committee Members Kent and Haab had resigned since the last meeting.

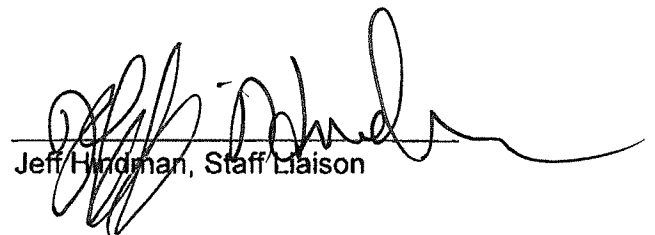
Adjournment

**Committee Chair Painter made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Aurora,
to adjourn the meeting.
directed the clerk to call roll:**

AYES: Painter; Freburg; Lavazza; Kraft; Aurora; Tyus
Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:52pm.

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Gina Lavazza, Committee Chair
Jeff Hudman, Staff Liaison