

**Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, March 18th, 6:30pm**

**Members Present: Johna, Adrienne, Kyle**

6:30 Kyle called the meeting to order.

6:35 The group discussed and reviewed the mini-grant applications that were received. Kyle said that she did not receive any via the Google form and wondered if there was an issue or if there wasn't any interest this year. The submissions she got were through regular email, which included Dee Lehouillier and Howard Romero. The group discussed whether or not to fund Howard's entire Ted Alexander Welcome Center repairs for \$500 since we normally only fund up to \$200. After some decisions around asking follow-up questions about what color the door will be and ensuring we get process updates, the group decided they favored granting the entire \$500.

***Kyle moved to grant Dee Lehouillier \$100 for Community Oven Flowers and Howard Romero \$500 for Ted Alexander Welcome Center repairs. Johna Seconded, and the motion passed.***

Kyle said that Ann Hennard-Ruth reached out to Lauren about getting more dog poop dispensers on Railroad Street- especially on the end closer to Main Street. The group liked having the idea of more receptacles to put the bags in. Johna said having no place to through their poop bags away has created problems too. Kyle said she isn't sure who is responsible for the dispensers, town or village, but she knows a few are around the village, so she will try to find out.

6:40: Kyle updated the group that Amy Schulz reached out about donating flowers for the flower boxes again and will find the language we used last year for community outreach to get more donations. The group agreed to each post weekly during April. Kyle said we need new flower boxes for the boxes on RR Street. Last year, they kept tipping over, and they really aren't designed for those railings. She wonders if Cal Stanton at Laraway would be interested in making custom boxes, a project his students would be interested in. Maybe boxes that are long and narrow and could be screwed in for security? She will reach out and let the committee know.

7:00: Kyle said she has started a list of public art ideas and things she wants to get on the town and village radar. She would really like to get sculptures on the pedestals this year and more hand-made banners on the polls. Adrienne asked if they were staying up all year or getting roasted out. Kyle didn't know. They also discussed that it would be nice to get Johnson logo banners up. Kyle said she is trying to find out if the 21 polls that don't have banners can support banners or not. If they can, we should find funding sources to get more up. She will start reaching out to local sculptors who have had sculptures on the pedestals in the past to see if they are willing to do it again. Adrienne wants to see Pearl, School, and Railroad Streets crosswalk murals. This could be an annual thing to keep them fresh and visible. The group really liked this idea. We also discussed creating a landscaping plan for the Village Green and doing a flower audit of all our gardens, perhaps in May.

We will talk about a community weeding day date at our April meeting.

The group started a shared document to add beautification projects they feel the town or village should address:

1. Cleaning off the graffiti inside and outside of the Power House Bridge
2. Replacing the guard rails at Power House Bridge
3. Blinking Crosswalk signs at Main Street
4. Replacing/painting Welcome to Johnson Signs
5. Regular litter cleanup on both ends of town

7:30 Meeting Adjourned