

City of Pekin Beautification Committee Meeting
City Hall - Council Chambers
February 20, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Jacob Brisbin, Charity Gullett, Kendra McDaniels, Dean Schneider, Tanya Swearingen. Absent: John Dossey

3. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented following a motion made by and seconded by

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion made by and seconded by

5. Public Input

None

6. Old Business

6.1. Citywide Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 20, 2024

Jacob met with Chris Dunn, the main organizer of the last official Citywide Cleanup Day. She provided guidelines used at the event. He also spoke with Heather Robertson President of Kiwanis, and Vicky Barker with Pekin Main St. Debby Smith, School Board President of 108, recommended Amy Hubner Coordinator of Student Services as the individual to speak with from 108. Have yet to connect with Rotary. Kendra spoke with Cole Stoner at 303 and he is on board to connect the athletic department.

6.2. New City Flag Design Contest

Jacob spoke with Gretchen Pearsall, Communications Director of Peoria County who was the coordinator for their contest. Takeaways from the meeting are to watch the TedTalk entitled "Good Flag Bad Flag", and to contact the North American Vexillological Association. Peoria County utilized a 3 month timeline, but she recommends taking more time if possible. There was a residency requirement for design, voting was viable at the library and online. She recommended John at Peoria Flag & Decorating to connect regarding ordering flags. She is providing copies of all documents she has regarding their contest and is sending via email.

We need a contact in the HS Art Department

Possible timeline: Announce in March, Submissions in April, voting in May, adopt for Flag Day in June. Will also work to promote this with the Bicentennial committee.

6.3. New City Welcome Signs

No formal update. Confirmed details with Dean. Will connect with Amy Wilson at Farnsworth Group for the next step. Dean reiterated he would like to set a production deadline to have blueprints by June 1.

6.4. Bicentennial Marigolds

Brainstorm ideas for possibly buying marigolds and passing them out to residents.

7. New Business

9. Adjourn

On a motion from and seconded by , the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.