



**Meeting of the Beautification and Public
Art Committee
Held at the Elk River City Hall
Monday, October 20, 2025**

Members Present: Committee Member Deb Hjermsstad, Committee Member Melissa McAlpine, Committee Member Ryan Hardin, Committee Member Nic Hahn, Councilmember J. Brian Calva, Councilmember Cory Grupa

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Economic Development Specialist Josh Mollan

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Josh.

2. CONSIDER AGENDA

Moved by Ryan and seconded by Melissa to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

3. CONSIDER MINUTES

3.1 08-18-2025 BPA Minutes

Moved by Ryan and seconded by Cory to approve the August 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Beautification Award Judging

The committee judged the five Beautification Award nominees. The average scores are as follows:

Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce - 14.2 pts (Ryan abstained from scoring ERACC)
Price Homes - 12.2 pts
Thunderstruck Exteriors - 10.8 pts
Antiques Downtown - 10.3 pts
NRH Plumbing - 10.2 pts

Moved by J. Brian and seconded by Melissa to recommend to the EDA that Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce win the 2025 Beautification Award. Motion carried 5-0. Ryan abstained.

4.2 Garden Gem Awards

Josh updated the committee that the Garden Gem Awards were presented in September. He also shared the photos of the winning gardens and the personalized garden stones.

4.3 Artist in Residence/Public Art

Josh shared that conversations have continued with Wild Botanical Atelier. They are currently looking for a viable space.

Additionally, an artist connected with Josh about a potential gallery space. The committee was interested and wanted to continue the conversation.

4.4 General Updates

Ryan shared that he was pleased with the participation in the Garden Gem Awards and the Beautification Award, and is eager to keep the momentum going into next year.

J. Brian shared that he would like the committee to consider a rural category for the Garden Gem Awards next year.

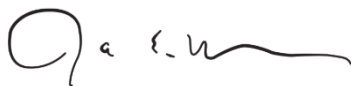
Ryan asked about repeat winners for the Garden Gem Awards.

Josh shared that existing policy does not allow applicants to win in the subsequent two years but the committee could revisit that policy.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Josh Mollan.



Josh Mollan, Recording Secretary



Tina Allard, City Clerk