



**Meeting of the Beautification and Public
Art Committee
Held at the Elk River City Hall
Monday, May 18, 2026**

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

Members Absent: Committee Member Melissa McAlpine

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 5:00 p.m. by Josh.

2. CONSIDER AGENDA

Moved by Ryan and seconded by Nic to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CONSIDER MINUTES

3.1 04-20-2026 BPA Minutes

Moved by Ryan and seconded by Cory to approve the April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Beautification Award

Josh shared that the Beautification Award nomination period is open. He also advised that staff is looking at producing a video highlighting the program.

Josh shared two versions of concept art for the Chamber's engraved stone. He advised that Plaisted is donating the stone and Stoneworks is donating the engraving. The committee was in favor of the horizontal format concept. For future awards, the committee was in favor of including the 'B' logo on bench plaques.

Josh said that he plans to promote the program at the upcoming DERBA meetings.

4.2 Garden Gem Awards

Josh shared the Garden Gem Awards nominee sign. The committee liked the design and did not suggest any changes.

Deb shared that the Sherburne County Master Gardeners could be available to assist with delivering

nominee signs and judging.

Josh asked the committee if anyone wanted to be in front of the camera to promote the program.

4.3 Public Art

Josh shared the idea of a utility box art program. The committee was interested and wanted to see Josh's draft outline.

Nic suggested allowing wrapped designs on the boxes for a more professional look. She also suggested providing uniform paint for the artists.

The committee was still interested in a mural-type project.

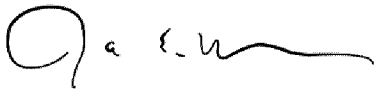
4.4 Open Discussion

Deb asked about last month's guest and her role with the committee. Josh shared that she is expected to apply to be a member of the committee, which would fill a vacant at-large position.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Josh Mollan.



Josh Mollan, Recording Secretary



Justin Dunford, City Clerk