Michigan City in Bloom

Meeting Notes

August 8, 2019

Those in attendance: Chris Vanderborg, Kent Lange, Lisa Gerardi, Mary Rooney

1. The property at 810 Poplar Street has been removed from the list of sign recipients because that property was never approved by the Michigan City in Bloom Committee.

2. Our committee has noticed missing signs from homes that have been approved, but we don't know if they've been stolen or the home owners have decided not to display them. We are still open for discussion as to what to do about this issue. In past letters, we have asked recipients to return their signs if they don't want to display them and to let us know if their sign has been stolen so we can replace it. We've received no such feedback on either suggestion, so we most likely will ignore this until we send out new letters next spring. Any ideas are welcome.

3. We have a new volunteer: Amy Bowman, who will be nominating new properties for us. Amy lives in the 5th Ward and she has started looking for colorful properties there. Welcome, Amy!

4. We are looking into new methods of nominating gardens and yards. The way we handle things now can be too time-consuming and not equitable. Only a few of us are taking part in traveling around Michigan City to view possible contenders. The idea is for everyone to inspect all areas of our city for nominations. It was discussed that each of us should have an area of town to inspect. We send our own postcards and keep track of our own assigned neighborhood or ward. Posts have been added to the MC in Bloom Facebook site asking for additional volunteers. We will discuss ideas again closer to the end of the season for possible implementation in 2020. Meanwhile, we are continuing our inspections by wards. Sixth, Fifth, and Fourth Wards still need to be completed.

5. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rooney

Chairperson, Michigan City in Bloom