

GLEN COVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES- FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Call to Order	The meeting was held at 5:15pm Eastern Time – via in person meeting at City Hall 2 nd Fl Conference Room.
Attendance:	Board Members: Lora Cusumano, Robert LaBaw, Barbara Peebles, Deanna Perez, Gigi Ferrante *(A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting, therefore no motions were put forward. January minutes and February financials will be voted on at the next meeting.) Staff & Volunteers: Elizabeth Mestres, Emmanuel Grella, Mike Yeosock, Jacki Yonick, Joanne Yee, Mike Ktistakis, Diane Beecher, Teri Moschetta, Pam Panzenbeck
Approve Minutes	Review and make a motion to accept meeting minutes from 1/22/26 Board Meeting *see note above
Financials	Financials review by treasurer for approval of board. *see note above.
Project Updates	<p>Appointments by our Mayor Pam Panzenbeck appointed new terms for Lora Cusumano (chairperson), Robert LaBaw (vice chairperson), Gigi Ferrante (commissioner) and Alexandra Ramsaran (advisory commission member)</p> <p>Demmler- Head of the Creek & GC Train Station Project-Manny reported that once the steel is in the anchor can be placed, and Mike Yeosock added that a portion of the project can be completed before the bulkhead is restored. The train station project is on hold until irrigation is added, which would cost approximately \$15,000. Once irrigated, Picture Perfect Landscaping (Tony) has offered to provide the landscaping at no cost. A discussion was held to look into the possibility of using native plantings that would not require irrigation.</p> <p>Safety Vests – Manny/Liz vests are not ordered. Deanna and Joanne offered to look into pricing and to visit Valley Sports where the logo is already on file. We would need 24 vests in a variety of sizes.</p>

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	<p>Adopt A Spot – Liz There are a total of 30 spots in the city with 18 being paid spots, and 9 volunteer spots, with 3 spots currently available. It was agreed that members could volunteer to weed spots in the summer.</p> <p>St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Memorial Day Parade Lora will put the St. Patrick’s Day Parade (March 22) out to a vote. Will participate if there is enough interest. Memorial parade off the table.</p> <p>GC Beautification & Neighborhood Awareness Program – Boy Scout involvement with Leader John Sullivan. A weekend date will be chosen to work on triangles in the Thompson Park neighborhood.</p> <p>Spring Fundraiser May 14th - Barbara has booked the Metropolitan. Tickets will be sold for \$95. Need volunteers to get sponsorships and create baskets. Jacki will create a slideshow. Barbara handed out sample sponsorship forms and invitations for the event. By event time we need to solidify the project that funds are designated to. Currently looking into a gazebo at Pratt Park.</p> <p>School Events with Veolia & Winters Brothers – Cheryl</p> <p>Eco Carnival–5/14 w/ Rain Date 5/21 -Jacki/Cheryl</p> <p>Scholarship Fund – Joanne & Carla created a sample application for graduating seniors. Discussion as to when first scholarship would be granted, and parameters for keeping track of volunteer hours. Jacki will create a QR code that can be scanned to catalogue volunteer hours.</p> <p>Greenhouse Update- Jacki/Mike Big Ralph Park might be a good location to place the greenhouse. Would need to repave prior.</p> <p>2026 Community Grants to Review- Keep America Beautiful & Arbor Day -Tree City Lora has the login information. Grants are available through this site which the 501C-3 could be eligible to apply for. There is a campaign for the 250th anniversary on July 4th.</p> <p>Re-World Waste Management Tour – Tentative July 1st at 1-2:30pm Lora will create a sign up sheet so those interested can tour the facility.</p>

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Proposed Dates for Events	<p>Stop Program 4/11 & 9/12– Buckets & Helpsy E- Waste -4/18 & 9/19 Buckets & Helpsy Earth Day is on Wed 4/22 (celebrated on April 25th) Arbor Day is Fri 4/24 (celebrated on May 2nd) Great American Clean-Up (5/16) Spring Planting -? Beautification Fundraiser 5/14 ECO- Carnival -5/14 with Rain Date 5/21 *remainder of dates to be discussed at a future meeting: Bill Byrne Litter Clean-Up (June or July?) ICC Beach Clean-Up 9/19 Tulip Planting -10/3 or 10/10 Planting of Mums ? December Holiday Décor ? Chip-A-Tree 1/9</p>
Ideas for Future	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cornell Cooperative Bulb Plantings 2. Mural on Train Trestle (Rt 107) or other locations 3. Storm Drain Emblems 4. House & Garden Tours or Plant Sale to raise money 5. Certificates/Tickets for Community/Neighborhood Pride
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm

Commission Meetings *fourth Thursday of the month, 5:15pm start time, at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.
~~4/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17~~(Holiday Party), 1/9/27 Chip-A-Tree