



Beautification Commission
Regular Meeting
June 30, 2025, 9:00 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order

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Attendees, please use meeting courtesy. Virtual attendees are asked to mute microphones when joining the meeting. Participants may be muted by the Town Clerk and meetings will be recorded.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to view/listen to the discussion only. At their discretion, Keep La Plata Beautiful may allow participants to voice questions or provide comments on the topics under discussion. Written comments may be submitted via email to Legislative@townoflaplata.org.

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2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on February 24, 2025

3. Matters of Discussion

3.1. Workgroup Reports

3.2. La Plata Garden Club Star Garden Fence Grant Application

4. Matters of Information

4.1. Town Council Report

4.2. Staff Report

5. Adjourn

5.1. Adjournment



Beautification Public Space Improvement and Community Cleanup Grant Application

The Public Space Improvement and Community Cleanup Grant is designed to bring awareness to our community's appearance, cleanliness, and to encourage pride in our town, with a special emphasis on community cleanups, community gardens, and native plantings in shared community spaces. The La Plata Beautification Commission invites residents of the Town of La Plata, Homeowner Associations, school projects, scout groups, civic organizations, businesses, and other community members to submit the following application for review.

Projects will be evaluated on:

1. Long-term benefit to the Town of La Plata
2. Impact of the aesthetic improvement
3. Uniqueness of the project idea
4. Plan for continuing maintenance of project
5. Additional resources used (money, time, labor, etc.)
6. Timely completion
7. Accessibility by the public

This application is your tool to convince the Beautification Commission your project deserves a grant. A narrative outlining the specifics of your project, before pictures, design plans, and other related information is encouraged, but not required.

Please fill out the following form and submit to La Plata Beautification Commission, in person to 305 Queen Anne Street, mail to PO Box 2268, La Plata, Maryland 20646 or via e-mail to legislative@townoflaplata.org.

If your project is approved and you are awarded grant funds, your project must be completed within 90 days of receipt of funds, or reimbursement will be required. Should you require additional time you may contact the Commission to request an extension. Proof of completion is required.

Project Title: La Plata Star Memorial Garden Total Project Cost: \$500.00

- ☐ Native Plantings/Pollinator Gardens – Up to \$700 (see approved plants in U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, Chesapeake Bay Watershed)

- ☐ General Beautification, Community Gardens, and Cleanup Projects – Up to \$500
☐ Downtown Shingle Sign Project (CB Zone) – Up to \$200

Project location/address:	<u>The Star Garden is located behind the old LP firehouse</u>
Will this be a group project? If so, how many people will participate?	<u>See attached</u>
Project Description:	<u>See attached</u>
What materials or plants do you plan to use?	<u>See attached</u>

Activities and Methods for Completing Project:
How do you plan to maintain the project once completed?
Contact name, phone number, mailing and email address:
<u>Kathy Hettel 301-399-8822</u>
<u>92 Winners Circle</u>
<u>La Plata, MD 20646</u>
<u>La Plata Garden Club Member</u>
<u>Star Garden Chairperson</u>

The LaPlata Garden Club has created and maintained the Memorial Star Garden for over 20 years. We have always used our own club funds for maintenance, garden upkeep, supplies, and annual/perennial plantings. Our club members/and some spouses have donated countless volunteer hours to the Star Garden over the years. We are thankful that the Town of LaPlata has provided water, mulch, and the cutting of the grassy areas.

Last year, on the recommendation from Kelly Phipps, Chris Wagnon, a local resident and lifelong gardener, became very instrumental in helping our Star Garden Committee create a beautiful pollinator garden that provides food, cover, and attracts wildlife such as pollinators and birds. This bed also provides a public educational opportunity. The planting plan's focus is primarily on native plants with the goal of BayWise Certification of the garden. (We also became BayWise certified Fall 2024.)

I am asking the LaPlata Beautification Committee to grant The LaPlata Garden Club a \$500 grant so that the Star Garden can have a screening fence installed to screen the unsightly rear of the building as seen in the photos. This project will then complete our garden. Presently, the expense for the fencing is outside of the budget set aside for the 2025 Star Garden.

The 6-member committee will work together in selecting the appropriate fencing and having it installed. The fencing will be selected based on cost and how the fencing will complement the Star Garden.

I have attached a few photos to give you a better idea of where the fencing will go.

Sincerely,



Kathy Hettel, Chairperson Star Garden

LaPlata Garden Club

