

## MINUTES

Beautification Advisory Committee  
Police Department EOC  
2075 Coast Highway  
Pacifica, CA 94044

March 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Committee Chair Wendy Santiago. Members of the Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) in attendance were Wendy Santiago, Alan Ernat, Dave Martinez and Sandy Parry. Councilmember Karen Ervin was also present. Amy Lewinski, a landscape architect, was invited by Chair Santiago and is interested in participating in various committee functions. Lorenzo Hines, Van Ocampo, Aren Clark and Yessika Dominguez from the City of Pacifica were also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

There were no Announcements.

There were no Public Comments.

Assistant City Manager Lorenzo Hines presented the City's budget to the committee.

### Project Updates:

- Crespi Parking Lot: The Pacifica Garden Club planter box is having issues with gophers. Chair Santiago and Dave Martinez have designed a plan for the Resource Center planter box, and reiterated that a general design plan was made for all planters to promote uniformity and easier maintenance. Martinez also noted that one of the BAC's goals is to maintain continuity and sustainability throughout Pacifica, and to create gardens that do not require much maintenance by the sponsor groups and City staff. Sandy Parry noted that she did try to plant sustainable plants and got approval from Santiago on her design plan. Van Ocampo asked if the design plan was also supposed to set the groundwork for sponsors so that they have an estimate before adopting a particular site. Santiago confirmed that it was the intention. Parry is currently beautifying the long planter until another sponsor adopts it, and also trimmed one of the bush trees and asked Public Works to pick up the debris.
- Rockaway Beach Parking Lot: No progress.
- Greenhouse Project: No progress.
- Oddstad/Terra Nova Medians: A sponsor has not yet been determined for that area. Alan Ernat will take care of the pampass grass.
- Oceana Blvd., Ocean Shore School and Mazzetti's Bakery: Trees have been newly planted, and Aren Clark addressed issues with transferring roots to different soil, and has concerns with the trees surviving/thriving in that harsh environment. Santiago noted that the groups involved were very anxious to get started on the project, and wanted to avoid involving Public Works as much as possible. Watering options for the trees were discussed. The plan for the future is to have ceanothus and succulents planted there. Parry mentioned her concern with being involved in this project due to her living within close proximity, which could be viewed as unethical.
- Spindrift School: Martinez gave Noelle the landscape design plan which included the plant count. Planting may be able to start in March, weather permitting.

- Highway 1 / Adopt-a-Highway: No progress. Ernat mentioned a large bag of trash that spilled out on the Highway near Eureka Square. Parry noticed Caltrans doing work in the area. Santiago suggested taking the item off of the next agenda. Ocampo suggested keeping it on the agenda in case an opportunity arises for a representative of Caltrans to meet with the committee, especially with the increased attention Pacifica has been receiving recently. Parry noted that the Highway 1 corridor k-rails could be painted to be more decorative and less unsightly, such as paintings of fish, life preservers, sharks, or the railing could simply have an ocean color theme, but may need to be sandblasted first. Ocampo reminded the group that permission will need to be obtained from Caltrans before performing any work on their property.
- Mural sub-committee: First meeting will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Amy Lewinski will be bringing experience and knowledge of implementing art into public settings. Santiago suggested possible 3-D art, and Parry suggested dolphin statues.
- Upkeep of Completed Projects:
  - ✓ Linda Mar Medians: Ongoing. The sign needs to be repaired.
  - ✓ Grace McCarthy Vista Point: Some weeding is needed at this site.
  - ✓ Marvilla Estates Park: Signage is needed at this site.

#### Continuing Business:

- Review of the BAC Calendar: Ocampo confirmed that Jaquith has reapplied to be on the committee. April is the start of the new year for the BAC. Chair re-election is required for upcoming year.
- Mayor's Beautification Awards Sub-Committee: None.
- Maintenance Agreements for Site Adoption: None.

#### New Business:

- Economic Development Committee collaboration

#### Reports from staff:

- Clark noted that Caltrans will be concerned with monoculture of tree planting, and suggested that the BAC draft a plant list to keep on file. Clark also mentioned that the Terra Nova medians are a tough environment for plants. Ocampo noted the importance of attendance of BAC members. Dominguez stated that per the PMC, any member missing 3 consecutive meetings or more than 1/3 of annual meetings may be considered for removal by City Council.

#### Items for Next Meeting:

- Re-election of committee chairperson
- EcoFest/Earth Day action items

#### Good of the Order:

- The BAC Annual Report is scheduled under the Special Presentation section of the City Council meeting on April 11, 2016. Karen Ervin will not be in attendance at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

The next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the EOC room located in the Pacifica Police Station at 2075 Coast Highway in Pacifica, California.