



**City of Buena Park**

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MINUTES  
BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 26, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on January 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Brown, Lopez, McKinney, Qureshi, Rollins, Wiese  
EXCUSED:  
ABSENT:

Also present: Gerry Lopez, Field Operations Manager; David Jacobs, Director of Public Works; Councilman Fred Smith; Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Qureshi.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2016  
**\*\*M/S/P Brown/Rollins** – Approved the meeting minutes of October 27, 2016.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS: (1-8)**

**1. Holiday Christmas Decorations Awards – Review**

Gerry Lopez reported that public works received over twenty nominations for this year's Holiday Christmas Decorations Awards. There were many residents in Buena Park showing holiday spirit; the commission bus tour visited nine homes. The first, second and third place winners were presented with an award at the City Council meeting on January 10.

**2. Calendar of Events 2017**

The Commission reviewed the 2017 Calendar of Events for the Beautification-Environmental Commission. Gerry Lopez reported the booth that is hosted by the Commission at Silverado Days has very low attendance. Commissioner Rollins stated she would like to add Love Buena Park Service Day to the 2017 Calendar of Events.

**\*\*M/S/P Rollins/McKinney** – Motion to add Love Buena Park Service Day, Saturday, April 29, 2017, to the calendar of events.

### 3. **Arbor Day (April 28, 2017) Earth Day (April 22, 2017) – Discussion**

Gerry Lopez reported that staff is recommending the Commission plant one ceremonial tree in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Lopez will contact the Parks Department to get a list of park site locations.

### 4. **Ideas for future BE Commission Projects**

Chair McKinney shared ideas on developing a Beautification-Environmental Commission Logo to incorporate and print on re-usable shopping bags.

Commissioner Brown stated that the City property on Tulare Street needs attention. Brown stated that she would like the Commission to consider supporting a parkway improvement project on Tulare Street. Councilman Fred Smith stated he would suggest an improvement effort to City Council.

David Jacobs reported that Council has mentioned the possibility of having the Beautification-Environmental Commission do research and get information from other cities about “Art in Public Places”. Gerry Lopez reported he has seen that other City’s display “Art in Public Places”. Lopez stated that maybe the Commission should add another Neighborhood Improvement project to the project event calendar. Commissioner Brown had questions about how and which neighborhoods are chosen for curb painting. Lopez stated he will ask a staff member from Engineering attend a future meeting to explain how street projects are chosen.

### 5. **BE Commission Change Meetings from Monthly to Bi-monthly – Update**

Gerry Lopez reported that last meeting the Commission made a motion to change the Beautification-Environmental Commission meeting to bi-monthly. Staff presented the annual calendar divided into months that would accommodate the bi-monthly meeting schedule change. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed that they did not want to change the meetings to bi-monthly, but would continue to meet on a monthly basis.

**\*\*M/S/P** ***Brown/Qureshi** – Motion that the Beautification-Environmental Commission meet on a monthly basis.*

### 6. **BE Commission Chair and Vice Chair Nominations in February - Discussion**

Gerry Lopez reported that next month, the Commission will hold elections for the office of Chair and Vice Chair of the Beautification-Environmental Commission. It has been brought to his attention that some on the Commission prefer to rotate the Chair and Vice Chair positions among each other. Lopez stated that in the Beautification-Environmental Commission Guide, it states: “Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be selected each year by a majority vote of the commissioners and shall serve for one year or until successors are elected”. Elections will be held on February 23, 2017.

### 7. **BE Commission Enterprise Fund Raising Ideas – Discussion**

Gerry Lopez reported at the meeting held in October, the Commission reviewed the BE Commission Enterprise Fund account ledger, the ending balance as of 10/27/16 = \$3,893.

Commissioner Brown stated that in past years, the Commission was successful in replenishing the enterprise fund account through e-waste and recycling events. The Commission requests further discussion on raising enterprise account funds.

Chair McKinney suggested bringing back the Beautification Commission sponsored e-waste event. Commissioner Brown stated that the event was discontinued because the event did not make any money and there are now several e-waste events held in Buena Park. Commissioner Brown suggested making a profit from scrap metal. Gerry Lopez stated that if the Commission is not able to raise funds, and there is a need, then perhaps staff can present a request for funds to the City Council.

#### **8. BP Homeless – City Council Project – Update**

Gerry Lopez presented a press release titled ***Bright Paths Making a Positive Impact in Buena Park*** from the City's website posted on October 25, 2016 at 4:37 PM. The press release states: "Bright Paths staff and volunteers have reached out to Buena Park's homeless neighbors, identifying those in need. Since the outreach began in April 2016, the program has made contact with more than 160 homeless individuals. As of mid-September, Bright Paths has assisted 40 individuals transition off the street and into temporary or permanent housing. For more information, or to learn how to get involved, visit [www.buenapark.com/brightpaths](http://www.buenapark.com/brightpaths)."

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Fred Smith addressed the Commission. Fred Smith is the Beautification-Environmental Commission's Council Liaison. Smith commended the Commission for their hard work and time. Smith stated that any artwork or logos involving the Commission needs to be submitted to Communications and Marketing Manager Myrna Holmquist and also needs to be approved by the City Council. Smith is open to any new ideas and Commissioners are welcome to contact him.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on February 23, 2017.

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Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

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Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman