



City of Buena Park

MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on July 27, 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, McKinney, Qureshi, Wiese
EXCUSED: Lopez, Rollins, Yeh
ABSENT:

Also present: Jeff Porter, Streets Superintendent; Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Wiese.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2017
****M/S/P Brown/McKinney** – Approved the meeting minutes of May 25, 2017, with corrections.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1-2)

1. Tulare Street Update

At the May meeting, the Commission had discussion on the need for an improvement project on Tulare Street, specifically to the parkway, sidewalk and walkway fencing. This property is owned and secured by BNSF Railroad.

Streets Superintendent, Jeff Porter reported that Operations Manager Gerry Lopez is working with the Director of Public Works and the engineering department on a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) proposal. There is no update at this time.

2. Neighborhood Improvement Project

The Commission discussed the upcoming Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP). This year the BE Commission will assist in painting house address curb numbers and planting trees on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Jeff Porter reported that Public Works staff will paint fire hydrants and sweep the designated track of trash and bulky furniture items before the Commission meets on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

At the August meeting, the Commission will receive door hangers and more information on the housing track designated for this year's NIP.

NEW BUSINESS: (1)

1. Architectural Awards Program

In an effort to encourage property owners to take pride in maintaining well-kept buildings and grounds, the Beautification-Environmental Commission hosts the annual Architectural Awards Contest. Residents, members from the business community, Commissioner's and City staff are encouraged to submit nominations for properties that display beautifully landscaped lawns and buildings with unique features that enhance the neighborhood where they reside.

Award criteria include building features that make the structure aesthetically pleasing, unique special details and energy efficient features such as drought tolerant plants and landscaping. The process consists of a community notification of the program, a nominations period, and a Saturday when the Commissioner's judge the nominations. Winners are then notified and informed they will be recognized at a City Council meeting.

Staff is requesting that Commissioners approve that the awards nomination period begin on Monday, July 31, 2017, with a deadline of Monday, August 21, 2017. The bus tour judging will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017; awards to be presented at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

****M/S/P Qureshi/Brown** – Motion to approve that the awards nomination period begin on Monday, July 31, 2017, with a deadline of Monday, August 21, 2017. The bus tour judging will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017; awards to be presented at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Buena Park resident Susan Sonne addressed the Commission. Mrs. Sonne stated she has applied for a position on the Beautification-Environment Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on August 24, 2017.

Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman