



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION August 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on August 24, 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, Sonne, Wiese

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Also present: Gerry Lopez, Field Operations Manager; Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Qureshi.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2017

****M/S/P Brown/McKinney** – Approved the meeting minutes of July 27, 2017.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Welcome New BE Commissioner Susan Sonne

The BEC welcomed new Commissioner Susan Sonne. Sonne has lived in Buena Park for 19 years; she works in the IT industry. Sonne cares very much about the City and contributing to the beautification of Buena Park.

2. Commissioner Yeh – Resignation

Operations Manager Gerry Lopez reported that Commissioner Yeh has resignation from the BE Commission.

3. Silverado Days Planning (BEC Booth #9) – Saturday, October 21, 2017

The BE Commissioners will host an information booth at Silverado Days on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The booth will have a prize spin wheel. Prize give-a-ways include BEC re-usable bags, milkweed plants and milkweed seeds and candy. Staff will contact Orchard Hardware in Buena Park to request a donation of drought tolerant plants. Vice Chair Rollins suggested a children's coloring contest for a future event.

OLD BUSINESS: (1-3)**1. Tulare Street**

The Commission has requested that staff propose a Tulare Street improvement project to City Council. The area looks unattractive; the Commission feels that improvement is needed to the parkway, sidewalk and walkway fencing. The parkway and sidewalk in this area is City owned, the rest of the area is owned and secured by BNSF Railroad.

Operations Manager Gerry Lopez reported he is working with the Director of Public Works and the engineering department on a Tulare Street improvement project proposal. Lopez stated this project does not qualify as a capital improvement project. The project will be presented to City Council as a general fund project; Lopez will work with the City's Engineering department to develop a project cost proposal.

2. Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) – Saturday, September 30, 2017

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. The NIP tract is located south of Crescent Avenue, it includes Chestnut Circle, Cherry Circle, Cedar Drive, Bel Air Street, Dracaena Drive and Kendor Circle.

Gerry Lopez reported that Public Works staff will paint fire hydrants, red curbs and sweep the designated track of trash and bulky furniture items. The Commission will meet on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Crescent and Bel Air Street. The Public Works Streets Division will hand deliver notification of the NIP to residents.

3. 2017 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.

The awards nomination period began on Monday, July 31, 2017, and ended Monday, August 21, 2017. The award winners will be presented at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Commissioners are to meet at City Hall for the bus tour judging on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

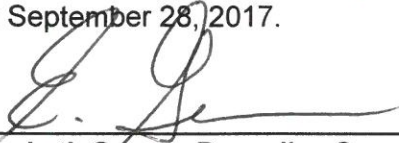
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:

Commissioner Sonne asked the commission to consider having an award program for Halloween decorating. Commissioner McKinney reported the red curbs along Dale Street near Boisseranc Park need to be repainted.

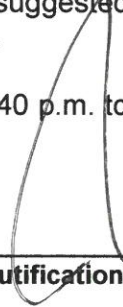
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Rebecca Kovacs (no address given) shared her thoughts on the BE Commissions need for more environmental awareness like air quality. Kovacs suggested that the BE Commission get more involved with the City's Community Garden program.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on September 28, 2017.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman