



City of Buena Park

MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
March 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on March 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Rollins

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2018

****M/S/P McKinney/Wiese** – *Approval of meeting minutes of February 22, 2018.*

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1)

1. **Earth Day / Arbor Day Tree Planting at Larwin Park: Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m.**

Gerry Lopez reported the Commission agreed to plant a tree at Larwin Park for Earth Day / Arbor Day. The turf and grass seeding at Larwin Park will not be complete by April 21. Lopez suggested a tree planting at San Antonio Park. Commissioner Sonne requested that more than one tree be planted at San Antonio Park and suggested that next year, the tree planting be a bigger event. Lopez stated more trees can be planted at Larwin Park at a later date, for now up to four trees will be planted at San Antonio Park on April 21. An Arbor Day proclamation will be presented at a City Council meeting in April; Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

****M/S/P McKinney/Wiese** – *Motion to approve recognition of both Earth Day and Arbor Day with a tree planting change of location to San Antonio Park on April 21, 2018 at 9 a.m.*

NEW BUSINESS: (1-4)

1. **West Coast Arborist: Arbor Access**

Gerry Lopez reported the City's tree contractor is West Coast Arborist (WCA). The contractor's data software system *Arbor Access* provides a vast amount of information on the City's trees. The data program houses many years of City tree information including current tree inventory, age, new trees, removals and the status on diseased trees. Over 2,800 trees were trimmed by the Streets Division and WCA in 2017. Lopez will present reports from *Arbor Access at the next meeting.*

2. West Coast Arborist: Tree Grant

Gerry Lopez reported that West Coast Arborist has received a tree grant under Cal-Fire California Urban Forest Association. The grant provides funds to plant trees in areas that are within a 20 mile radius of any rapid transit train system. WCA has notified Lopez that from this grant, Buena Park will receive 200 trees to plant within the City. These trees will be planted along the new Edison right of way walkway / parkway project. Lopez stated the Beautification-Environmental Commission is the oversight commission for this grant fund project.

3. Tulare Street Update

Gerry Lopez requested that the Tulare Street update be tabled to the April meeting.

****M/S/P Sonne/Wiese** – *Motion to table the Tulare Street update to the April meeting.*

4. Information on Milkweed

Gerry Lopez stated Commissioner Qureshi requested information on the hazards of the Milkweed plant and asked if the City is planting Milkweed on City parkways. Lopez reported that the Milkweed plant can be harmful to animals if ingested. The City does not plant Milkweed plants in City project areas, parkways or right of ways.

BP YOUTH GROUPS AD HOC COMMITTEE:

1. Committee Update

Chair Rollins reported that there has been some discussion that some schools have gardens and would like to do tree planting. At this time, the Committee members have not met with school or club representatives.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENT:

Commissioner McKinney would like the Commission to work with the Parks & Recreation Commission to re-name the City's dog park and beautify Bellis Park.


PUBLIC COMMENT:

Long Beach University Student Ian MacDonald addressed the Commission. MacDonald proposed that the City of Buena Park ban the sale and use of Polystyrene (also known as Styrofoam). He stated that Polystyrene is toxic and harmful to the environment and that there are many other safe alternatives. MacDonald is requesting the support of the Beautification-Environmental Commission in taking his proposal to ban Polystyrene to the Buena Park City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on April 26, 2018.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



Beautification-Environment Commission Chair