



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION JANUARY 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on January 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Sonne

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Lopez, McKinney, Qureshi, Rollins, Riess, Sonne

STAFF: Senior Management Analyst Doug Brodowski, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Genera

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2018

****M/S/P Lopez/McKinney – Approval of meeting minutes of October 25, 2018.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1)

1. BEC Holiday Decoration Awards Review

The BE Commission judged 19 homes in Buena Park for the holiday decoration awards. Residents who displayed holiday spirit and civic pride by decorating their homes were awarded at the City Council Meeting on January 8. Thanks to Chair Rollins and Commissioner Sonne for attending. The Commission agreed that only homes that did not win in the prior 2 years are eligible to win. The Commission discussed the limited time in scheduling and requested a longer nomination period. Staff will advertise the contest earlier to notify residents.

NEW BUSINESS: (1-6)

1. Election of Officers – BE Commission Chair and Vice Chair

The meeting was turned over to the Recording Secretary to open nominations for the office of chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Ruby Lopez (3 votes); Commissioner Rollins nominated Susan Sonne (4 votes). With a Commission vote of 4 to 3, Susan Sonne was appointed Chairman of the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

Nominations were opened for the office of vice chair. Chair Sonne nominated Ken McKinney for the office of vice chair. With a Commission vote of 7, Ken McKinney was appointed Vice Chairman of the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

2. Calendar of Events 2019

The BE Commission calendar of events for 2019 was submitted for review. Per the Commission's request the neighborhood improvement project will be added to the spring and fall. The Commission agreed to NIPP in March and September; Arbor Day in April; Architectural Awards in August. Staff will present the revised calendar at the February meeting.

****M/S/P** *Sonne/Rollins – Approval of changes to the Calendar of Events 2019*

3. Neighborhood Improvement Project Program – April and October 2019

The BE Commission requested the neighborhood improvement project program be held in the spring and fall this year. Residents will receive notice via door tags and flyers. The event will be advertised on social media and the City website. Commissioners, Public Works Streets Division staff and volunteers will work on improvements that included painting of red curbs, curb numbers and fire hydrants and tree planting. Park Disposal provided bins for bulky item removal.

4. BP California Tree Team Workshop hosted by WCA – Peak Park on March 2

West Coast Arborist representative Andrew Pineda invited the Commission to attend the BP California Tree Team Workshop hosted by WCA in partnership with the California Urban Forestry Council. The tree planting initiative workshop will be held at Peak Park on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pineda reported 200 trees will be planted in public right of ways in Buena Park and 200 more trees will be given to residents to plant.

5. Arbor Day Tree Planting – Smith Murphy Park on March 9

WCA representative Andrew Pineda reported in celebration of Arbor Day WCA will host a tree planting event at Smith Murphy Park on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. BP residents can receive a free tree to plant on their property; many trees will be planted at the park. The event will include a ceremonial planting, opening remarks from City officials. WCA has 25 volunteers that will attend. Staff suggested that the BE Commission join in and incorporate this event on March 9th into their yearly Earth Day / Arbor Day tree planting.

Chair Sonne shared suggestions and ideas for the upcoming Arbor Day tree planting. The Commission agreed to include a flag ceremony, opening remarks, reading of the Arbor Day proclamation and history, recognition of largest and oldest trees in BP, and display artwork photos of trees. Commissioners should contact Gerry Lopez with suggestions on tree planting locations.

6. BP Youth Groups / Volunteer Organizations Contact List

The Commission reviewed the volunteer organizations contact list that includes adults and teen volunteers (ages 13-17) from: V.O.L.T, Boys and Girls Club, John F. Kennedy High School, Buena Park High School and American First Credit Union. Groups will be notified as a volunteer base for BE Commission events.

BP YOUTH GROUPS AD HOC COMMITTEE:

1. Committee Update

No report.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Future Agenda Items: Chair Sonne would like to discuss adding additional meetings to the calendar. Vice Chair McKinney would like to discuss adopt a neighborhood and council chamber security.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on February 28, 2019.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



Beautification-Environment Commission Chair