



City of Buena Park

MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
August 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on August 22, 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 Commission Lopez

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Lopez, McKinney, Rollins, Sonne

EXCUSED: Qureshi

STAFF: Operations Manager Doug Brodowski, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Genera

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2019

****M/S/P Brown/McKinney – Approval of meeting minutes of July 25, 2019.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Polystyrene Products Awareness Recognition Program Packet

The Polystyrene information brochure created by the BE Commission was approved by the City Manager and City Council. The Council has directed the BE Commission to reach out and visit local businesses and restaurants to share the commission's vision. The Commission has created a positive awareness campaign to educate and encourage residents and businesses to use alternative products. The campaign includes acknowledgement of residents and businesses for their participation.

The Commission reviewed and approved the introduction letter and nomination form created by Chair Sonne. The packet will be submitted to the City Manager for approval/input before it is shared with the City Council. The subject of a citywide ban on use of polystyrene will be discussed at a future City Council meeting. Doug Brodowski will share the staff report with the Commission.

2. Community Clean-UP Program Proposal Review/Input (McKinney)

The BE Commission reviewed the proposed "Community Clean-UP" program outline created by Vice Chair McKinney. McKinney stated the program will be initiated by residents/groups with public works providing minimal assistance and some supplies like trash bags, tools and bulky item bins. A request for assistance form will be submitted to the public works department at least 4 weeks prior. McKinney created a sample letter, application, timeline and information packet for a successful clean up.

Staff will format the packet and submit to the City Manager's office for approval/input before it is shared with the City Council.

3. Silverado Days BEC Booth Planning

The BE Commission agreed to participate in the Silverado Days BEC information booth on Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Promotional information will include polystyrene awareness, community clean-UP program and MWDOC rebates. Spin wheel prizes include BEC tote bags, candy and succulent plants. Chair Sonne stated the commission will share the booth with the Buena Park Collaborative. Sonne suggests that next year, all commissions should share the Silverado Days booth.

NEW BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Beautification-Environmental Awards Tour

The BE Commission looked at pictures of the homes nominated for the 2019 Beautification-Environmental Awards. Many of the properties displayed landscaping or improvements in the parkway that requires a permit. The Commission agreed homes that are in violation of the City code or that do not have a city parkway permit shall not be nominated. The Commission agreed that the nomination period will be extended. The awards tour will be rescheduled.

2. Neighborhood Improvement Partnership Program

Doug Brodowski reported the president tract has been repaved; this may be good area for the Spring NIPP. The Commission agreed to submit potential NIPP areas at the next meeting.

3. BEC Enterprise Fund Account Yearly Budget Items

The BE Commission reviewed the enterprise fund account yearly budget items. Funds are needed for the yearly events. Brodowski will look into fund accounts, available grants and discuss with the City Manager.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Buena Park resident Danny asked why the City of Buena Park does not have a recycling program. EDCO Disposal does not offer a recycling bin with the trash bins. Doug Brodowski reported that currently, EDCO Waste Management the City's refuse contractor does the separating and recycling at the plant. The City is working with EDCO in developing a public awareness campaign and implementing a new public recycling program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on September 26, 2019.


Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary


Beautification-Environment Commission Chair