



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION September 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on September 26, 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 McKinney

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lopez, McKinney, Miller, Qureshi, Rollins, Sonne

EXCUSED: Brown

STAFF: Doug Brodowski, Operations Manager; Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2019

****M/S/P Rollins/Lopez – Approval of meeting minutes of August 22, 2019.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1-4)

1. Polystyrene Products Awareness Discussion

Chair Sonne welcomed new Commissioner Cheryll Miller. Mrs. Miller is a long time resident of Buena Park; she is looking forward to serving on the commission.

Operations Manager Doug Brodowski reported that at the September 19th study session, the City Council discussed the potential ban of Expanded Polystyrene foam products.

Brodowski reported that after a brief discussion, the Council reinforced their previous direction that the BE Commission create a public awareness program encouraging residents and restaurants to use alternative products in place of Expanded Polystyrene. Commissioners are asked to not make direct contact; the Council recommends that the commission reach out to restaurants/businesses via US mail to promote a voluntarily effort to eliminate the use of Polystyrene products. Brodowski stated that as soon as it has been formalized, the commission can move forward with *Good Environmental Citizenship Recognition Program*. The Commission will be informed of any new information on the potential ban.

2. Silverado Days BEC Booth Sign Up Sheet – Saturday, October 19 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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. The spin wheel prizes include BEC water bottles, BEC tote bags, candy and succulent plants. In addition, West Coast Arborist will provide the opportunity for BP residents to receive a free tree.

3. Beautification-Environmental Awards Tour

The BE Commission agreed to meet on Saturday, October 5th for the 2019 Beautification-Environmental Awards judging tour.

****M/S/P Rollins/McKinney** – Approval to meet on October 5, 2019 for the 2019 Beautification Awards tour.

4. Neighborhood Improvement Partnership Program (Fall)

The Commission agreed to schedule the NIPP in the spring.

****M/S/P Qureshi/McKinney** – Approval to schedule the NIPP in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS: (1)

1. Resolution in Support of Balanced Energy Solutions and Local Choice

Doug Brodowski reported at the City Council meeting on September 10th the discussion topic was *resolution in support of balanced energy solutions and local choice*. The purpose was to adopt a resolution supporting the protection of customer choice, to protect consumer’s right to use of gas or electricity. The City was approached by SoCalGas about adopting this resolution. The Council has requested that the BE Commission review the resolution and articles of information and submit their recommendation.

SoCalGas Representative, Lanae O’Shields addressed the Commission. O’Shields explained that SoCalGas is in favor of allowing cities in Southern California local control of its energy options, while still striving to meet green house gas emissions as required by the State air quality goals. Southern California Edison Representative, Jessica Fernandez addressed the Commission. Fernandez explained SCE is in favor of consumer choice and the benefits of electricity as a cleaner alternative to achieve zero emissions over time.

The BE Commission vote to support was 3/3 (undecided); the Commission will discuss the item at the next meeting.

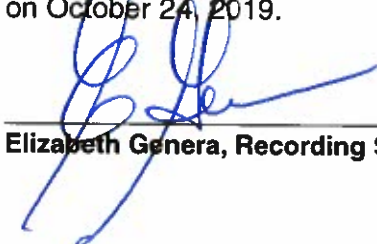
STAFF REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Future agenda items: Arbor Day/Earth Day, Santa Ana Watershed Ambassador Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Buena Park resident Jess Gonzales addressed the Commission. Miss Gonzales asked if the City would consider allowing BP residents to plant fresh vegetable gardens on city parkways to encourage healthier lifestyle.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on October 24, 2019.


 Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary


 Beautification-Environment Commission Chair