



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION January 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on January 23, 2020, 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 Rollins

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: Lopez

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2019

****M/S/P Rollins/Brown** – Approval of meeting minutes of October 24, 2019.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OLD BUSINESS: (1-2)

1. Good Environmental Citizen Recognition Program Update

Operations Manager Doug Brodowski reported that at a City Council study session, the use of expanded polystyrene foam products was discussed. The Council agreed that the BE Commission may create a public awareness program encouraging residents and restaurants to consider use of alternative products in place of expanded polystyrene.

Mayor Fred Smith addressed the Commission. He stated that commission members should not make direct contact with businesses in Buena Park; the Council recommends that the commission reach out to restaurants/businesses via US mail to promote a voluntarily effort to limit the use of polystyrene products. Brodowski stated that staff has obtained a mail list, the commission can now move forward with the *Good Environmental Citizenship Recognition Program*. Businesses in Buena Park who make an effort to use environmentally friendly products can be nominated to receive a certificate of recognition by City Council. Mayor Smith stated that letters and information for this program needs to be approved by City Council.

2. Community Clean Up Program Update

Doug Brodowski explained that the proposed *Community Clean Up Program* is an extension to the Neighborhood Improvement Partnership Program. The goal is to foster leadership among residents within their own neighborhood on a year round base. The program would hopefully become a self perpetuating program. There would be minimal staff and funds provided; the City may be able to help provide a dumpster and some tools. Mayor Fred Smith advised that there are factors to consider and an administrative process before moving forward.

Vice Chair McKinney stated he would be willing to attend clean-up events to ensure it's grown and success. Community Clean-Up applications will be subject to Commission review and approval. Staff will finalize the program logistics and format the packet then submit to the City Manager's office for approval/input before it is shared with the City Council.

****M/S/P McKinney/Rollins** – Chair McKinney requested that staff move forward with presenting the proposed program to City Council for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Election of Officers

The meeting was turned over to the Recording Secretary to open nominations for the office of Chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Imran Qureshi (2 votes); Commissioner Rollins nominated Ken McKinney (4 votes). With a Commission vote of 4 to 2, Ken McKinney was appointed Chairman of the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice Chair. Chair McKinney nominated Imran Qureshi. With a Commission vote of 6, Imran Qureshi was appointed Vice Chairman of the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

2. Arbor Day / Earth Day Event Planning

Chair McKinney reported that the 2020 Arbor Day event will be similar to last year's tree planting event. Trees donated by West Coast Arborists will be planted at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Buena Park. The event will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. Trees will be planted on the parkway along Valley View Street; the event ceremony will be held on the church open area. Staff will contact the Community Services Recreation department to make sure they can participate.

3. Neighborhood Improvement Partnership Program (NIPP) Spring

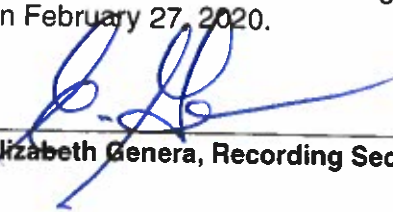
Doug Brodowski reported that Edco Waste Management offered to sponsor a free event that includes paper shredding, e-waste recycling and free compost for Buena Park residents. The event will be schedule for this Spring.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair McKinney requested discussion of sidewalk gum removal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on February 27, 2020.



 Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



 Beautification-Environment Commission Chair