



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION JUNE 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on June 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Lollis, McKinney, Qureshi
EXCUSED: Weeks
ABSENT:

Also present: Jim Biery, Director of Public Works and Gerry Lopez, Field Operations Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Brown.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Minutes
Meeting of April 23, 2015 – to be reviewed at future meeting

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS: (1-8)

1. Introduction of New Commissioners

Item tabled to the next meeting.

2. Election of Officers

Item tabled to the next meeting.

3. Tulare Street Debris

Gerry Lopez shared past and recent photos of the City parkway area adjacent to a private property construction zone on Tulare Street. The parkway has been cleared of debris and several dead palm trees were removed.

Commissioner Qureshi stated he would like the Commission to explore the possibility of adding drought tolerant landscaping or plants to the area. Commissioner McKinney suggested the re-use a more attractive banner for the construction zone fence. Lopez stated that it is doubtful that the parkway soil is healthy enough for landscaping or plants. Commissioner Brown stated that she would like the Commission to consider supporting a parkway improvement project on Tulare Street.

4. Architectural Awards

In an effort to encourage property owners to take pride in maintaining well-kept buildings and grounds, the Beautification-Environmental Commission hosts the annual Architectural Awards Contest. Gerry Lopez reported that the program nomination period and tour will be held in August, the winners will be announced in September.

Residents, City staff and Commissioners are encouraged to submit nominations for houses and properties that are unique and/or display beautiful landscaping. Lopez will obtain a list of newly developed buildings and notable properties from the Planning Division. This year a new category will be added to include homes or businesses that have incorporated drought tolerant landscaping.

5. Potential Activities and Projects for Commission

Jim Biery reported the landscaping design company Green Garden Group (G3) is proposing a landscape design for City Hall. The landscape design includes use of drought tolerant plants and drip system irrigation. Three different looks will be presented for consideration to be implanted in late fall. Biery will present the G3 proposals to the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner McKinney stated he would like the Commission to do more for Earth Day like working with local volunteer groups. McKinney suggested expanding to do more Coyote Creek cleanup projects and permanent trash cans with the city logo within the City.

6. SCE Right-of-way Trail and Path Update

Jim Biery showed the Commission renderings of the SCE Right-of-way master plan created by project consultant RJM. The SCE trail and pathway runs between Valley View and San Rafael Drive.

7. Larwin Park Master Plan – Community Meeting July 22

Jim Biery showed the Commission renderings by RJM of the Larwin Park Improvement project. A community meeting will be held at Larwin Park on July 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Beach Boulevard Median Update

Jim Biery showed the Commission renderings of the Beach Boulevard median project. Colorful flowers and plants that are drought tolerant will be planted and use of a drip system irrigation. The project will be complete sometime in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Mission Statement – Discussion and Direction

The Commissioners will contact Juan Contreras to see if they can obtain the Mission Statement draft he was working on.

2. Drought Update

Associate Engineer Francisco Gutierrez updated the Commission on the City's current water conservation drought phase. The City of Buena Park is currently under Phase II water restrictions. Residents are only allowed to water lawns two days per week on Tuesdays and Fridays, before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. The City will continue to work on informing residents of the phase II restrictions and ways to reduce water usage. Once approved by City Council, two new CNG vehicles will be purchased that will be used by staff for water conservation outreach. Commissioner McKinney stated that apartment dwellers should be made aware of the water conservation restrictions.

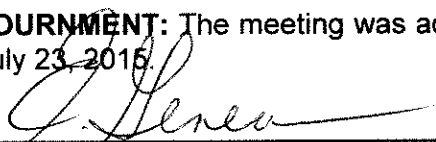
3. The Source Update

Jim Biery reported construction of The Source on Beach Boulevard continues.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on July 23, 2015.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman