



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION JULY 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on July 23, 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, Lopez, Rollins
EXCUSED: Weeks
ABSENT:

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Minutes
Meeting of April 23, 2015 and June 25, 2015

****M/S/P Brown/Lollis** – Approval of the meeting minutes for April 23, 2015 and June 25, 2015.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS: (1-8)

1. Introduction of New Commissioners

The Commission welcomed new Commissioners Rubie Lopez and Tina Rollins. Rubie is a Buena Park resident who received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources from Cal State Long Beach. She currently works for an aerospace company in Garden Grove. Tina is a Buena Park resident; she is retired from a consultant firm and enjoys spending time as a volunteer and caregiver.

2. Election of Officers

The meeting was turned over to the Recording Secretary to open nominations for the office of Chair. Commissioner Qureshi nominated Utanah Brown for the office of Chair. Commissioner Lollis nominated Ken McKinney. By a vote of 2 to 3, Ken McKinney was appointed Chairman of the Beautification-Environment Commission.

The meeting was turned over to the Recording Secretary to open nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Imran Qureshi for the office of Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, Imran Qureshi was appointed Vice Chairman of the Beautification-Environment Commission.

3. Architectural Awards

Director Jim Biery presented the recommended dates for the 2015 Architectural Awards program. 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. Residents, members from the business community, commissioners and City staff are encouraged to submit nominations for properties that display beautifully landscaped lawns and buildings with unique features that enhance their neighborhood.

Director Biery stated that homes with landscaped lawns and unique remodeled properties will be considered in the nominations. The Commission agreed that this year there will be two winners in each category for architecture and landscaping.

****M/S/P Lollis/Brown** – Motion to award two winners in each category of architecture and landscaping.

Staff is requesting that the Commission approve the nomination period begin on Monday, July 27, 2015, and a deadline date of Monday, August 17, 2015. Judging will be scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2015. Winners will be announced and awarded plaques at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Commissioner Area Assignments are as follows: Vice Chair Qureshi Area 1; Commissioner Brown Area 2; Commissioner Rollins Area 3; Chair McKinney Area 4; Commissioner Lopez Area 5; Commissioner Lollis Area 6.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1-3)

1. Mission Statement – Discussion and Direction

Director Jim Biery read mission statements from other cities; he will forward the city website links to the Commissioner for review and discussion at the next meeting.

2. Source Update

Director Jim Biery reported The Source is moving forward, it will include enhanced medians with drought tolerant plants and palms trees that will light up at night. There will be new street banners along Beach Boulevard. Incoming vendors and stores are progressing; the Hilton Hotel will be a major attraction. The Source project will be completed in late December or early January 2016.

3. Tulare Update (August Meeting)

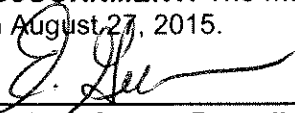
Director Jim Biery will report on Tulare Street in August.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:


Directory Jim Biery reported the Community Meeting at Larwin Park on July 22, had a good turnout. There was good interaction between the local residents and the project planners during a walkthrough of the park project site. Rehab park features will include new fitness stations and walkways. Residents gave good input on what they want to see at the park site.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on August 27, 2015.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

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Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman