



City of Buena Park

MINUTES OF CITY BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OCTOBER 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on October 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Contreras, Lollis, Makros, McKinney, Weeks
ABSENT: Brown, Qureshi

Also present were: Jim Biery, Director of Public Works, Gerry Lopez, Field Operations Manager and Ella Jones, Senior Department Secretary.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Minutes
Meeting of September 25, 2014

MOTION: Weeks
SECOND: Lollis
AYES: Contreras, Lollis, Makros, McKinney, Weeks
NOES: None
ABSENT: Brown, Qureshi

APPROVED the recommended action.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (2)

2. Silverado Days Recap

Mr. Lopez thanked all the commissioners for doing a great job running the Beautification-Environmental Commission booth at Silverado Days. Mr. Lopez shared several photos of the booth. Mr. Lopez suggested a script for next year, to help the Commissioners next year. Commissioners agreed it is a good idea to have two people in the booth. It was suggested that next year the Commissioners have a booth one all day Saturday. Mr. Biery stated next year more small give-away prizes will be available to the visitors.

NEW BUSINESS: (3-5)**3. Decorate Holiday Tree**

The Commissioners and Staff discussed decorating the City Hall Christmas tree on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The Commissioners were reminded to bring two empty gift wrapped boxes. Staff agreed to provide a main course dish for everyone. Commissioners were asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

4. Holiday Awards Program

Mr. Lopez gave a report on the 2014 Holiday Decoration Awards. It was stated, the nomination period would be from December 1st to December 12, 2014. The judging of nominations would take place on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The winners would be recognized at the City Council meeting on January 13, 2015. Staff noted advertising will take place during the month of November and December throughout the City's newspaper and electronic marquee. Staff would also arrange the caravan to visit the nominations. Mr. Lopez reported funds are available to purchase the awards.

Commissioners and Staff agreed to the following area assignments and to rotate turns every year:

- Area One – North of BN&SF Railroad to North City Limits (Belhurst Area) – **Weeks**
- Area Two – North of Manchester to BN&SF Railroad (Homewood, Franklin, and surrounding area) – **Qureshi**
- Area Three – North of La Palma to Artesia West of Knott to Walker (South American, General, and Industrial Tracts) – **Brown**
- Area Four – North of La Palma to Manchester East of Knott to Magnolia - **Contreras**
- Area Five – North of Lincoln to La Palma East of Knott to Walker (San, Los Tracts) – **McKinney**
- Area Six – North of Lincoln to La Palma East of Knott to East City Limits (Mall Area, Tree Tract, Knott's Berry Farm Areas) – **Makros**
- Area Seven – North of Cerritos to Lincoln East of West City Limits (Via, Girl, Mountain Tracts) - **Lollis**

5. Mascot

There was discussion regarding having a mascot and discussing it further. Commissioner McKinney submitted a letter he wrote to all the Commissioners regarding the benefits of adopting an ecological mascot to help encourage residents and visitor's help keep Buena Park Clean and Green. Commissioner gave several examples of mascot's to get the message out.

Mr. Biery stated a mascot would need City Council's approval. Mr. Biery also stated most cities do not have mascots. There was further discussion regarding mascots not being used in cities.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss the "mascot" item to the January 22, 2015 agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Biery reported a lot of the Tree Master Plan work has been completed but Staff needs to still involve the residents and new City Council. Mr. Biery stated more information will be shared with the Commissioners.

Mr. Biery stated the design firm is working on the E-Zone project.

Mr. Biery gave an update on The Source Project.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Weeks suggested all the Commissioners bring ideas to the meeting on January 22, 2015 for the year ahead. Chair Contreras suggested a Mission Statement for the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

Commissioner Makros suggested educating residents on the care of the new trees in the City. Mr. Lopez stated the Tree Master Plan will include all the planting standards. It was asked to add the Tree Master Plan on the January 22, 2015 agenda.

The Commissioners and Staff discussed the Trunk and Treat event at the Elk's Lodge. Staff provided the Commissioners with candy to hand out to the children.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm to the regular meeting scheduled January 22, 2015



SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN