



City of Buena Park

MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FEBRUARY 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on February 25, 2016, 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, Lopez, McKinney, Rollins, Wiese
EXCUSED: Qureshi
ABSENT:

Also present: Gerry Lopez, Field Operations Manager and Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2016
****M/S/P Brown/Lollis** – Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 28, 2016.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS: (1-4)

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The meeting was turned over to the Recording Secretary to open nominations for the office of Chair. Commissioner Rollins nominated Ken McKinney for the office of Chair. With a Commission vote of 6, Ken McKinney was appointed Chairman of the Beautification-Environmental Commission.

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

2. Peak Park Homeless - Rollins

Commissioner Rollins reported that there is a very high number of homeless individuals camping at Peak Park. Gerry Lopez reported that at the City Council meeting on February 9, 2016, the City Council had discussion regarding homelessness. Council approved the professional service agreement with Dr. Marbut and CityNet.

Dr. Robert Marbut, a national consultant and subject expert on dealing with homelessness issues has performed an assessment on the City's homelessness problem. A DVD video presentation of Dr. Marbut's findings is available for Commissioners to view. In addition, the Council approved an agreement with CityNet, a non-profit organization that assists homeless persons in finding services and/or housing. Lopez stated that the City Council will meet for a workshop on March 1, 2016 to discuss the action plan to address the growing homelessness problem in Buena Park.

3. Love Buena Park Project Discussion

Gerry Lopez reported at the meeting last month, Pastor Don Harbert invited the Commission to attend the upcoming Love Buena Park Volunteer Day. The city wide serve day event rally will be held at City Hall on April 30, 2016, the festivities begin at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteer; community improvement projects for Love Buena Park Day can be submitted via the website lovebuenapark.com. Lopez stated he is going to submit house address curb painting as a project via the event website.

4. Orange County Garden Friendly Event at OSH April 16

Gerry Lopez reported the Public Works Environmental Division works with the County in preventing storm drain pollution and enforcing environment protection within Buena Park. To educate and promote water conservation, Public Works Environmental Inspector Laurie Aubuchon will host a booth at the OC Garden Friendly event at OSH.

OC Garden Friendly and Overwatering is Out! has partnered with various garden supply stores to hold outdoor plant sales with information on water-efficient landscaping and samples of drought resistant and climate appropriate plants. The OC Garden Friendly event will be held at Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) Buena Park on April 16, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1)

1. Mission Statement

A draft copy of the Beautification-Environmental Commission Mission Statement was presented to the Commission for review.

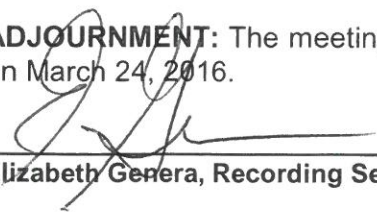
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS:

Councilmember Steve Berry addressed the Commission. Berry is the Beautification-Environmental Commission Liaison to the City Council. Berry stated he is impressed with the work and efforts of the Beautification Commission. City Council members value the City's Commission members and they look forward to working together to keep Buena Park beautiful and growing.

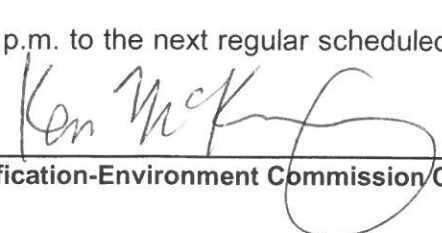
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Recycling Redemption Centers in Buena Park will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on March 24, 2016.



 Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



 Beautification-Environment Commission Chairman