

MINUTES

Beautification Advisory Committee
Pacifica Police Station
EOC Conference Room
2075 Coast Highway
Pacifica, CA 94044

September 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Wendy Santiago. Members of the Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) in attendance were, Wendy Santiago, Ginny Jaquith, David Martinez, Patricia Hontalas, Michael Mooney and Alan Ernat. Members of the public that were present included Charlotte Masson, President of the Pacifica Garden Club various members of the Garden Club and Ron Maykel. Pacifica City Council Liaison Mayor Karen Ervin was in attendance as was Aren Clark and Carolina Cardoso from the City of Pacifica Public Works Department.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with two corrections:

- Sue Digre was in attendance at the previous meeting.
- Hope Services is a potential group that could assist with the development at the Crespi parking lot, under the first project update.

Announcements:

- The City Manager will provide space in the City of Pacifica booth if the BAC would like to participate in this year's Fog Festival.
- Michael Mooney mentioned North Coast County Water District (NCCWD) and the distribution of recycled water. Concern was raised that the water might not be suitable for plants due to chloramine. Wendy suggested a "test garden".

Public Comment:

- Long-time resident of Pacifica, Ron Maykel (Pacifican's Against Chloramine), gave a brief history of the agent and its uses. He suggested uses for the coastal trail along Linda Mar now that much of the mustard weed has been removed. He mentioned the possibility of planting Coffee Berry or Coyote Bush. A comparison was made regarding the BAC information on the website vs. the Open Space Committee.

Project Updates:

- The Resource Center volunteers finished the soil removal portion of the project. September 19, 2015 was date chosen for the volunteers to sheet-mulch the area. The BAC will coordinate with Public Works regarding the delivery of topsoil and woodchips. The

Garden Club was in attendance and details surrounding their project were discussed. Enough cardboard will be provided. Sharon Lamparter drew up a list of members who have signed up to help. The Garden Club will contribute \$1500 towards the project. Volunteers groups will need to purchase tubes and emitters for the irrigation system. Valves and irrigation timers will be provided and installed by the City. It was recommended that the volunteers be given a training class at the jobsite before beginning work. Because of the drought, planting will begin in October or November. Cal-Trans was mentioned as a source for supplies needed for the planter boxes. It was agreed that wood chips used for mulching should be consistent and natural. Colored-wood chips are to be avoided. It was stated that the Boy Scouts had previously been acknowledged for their clean-up work at the Crespi planter box.

- The Rockaway Beach Parking Lot Project was discussed. Dave will meet with Susan Miller on the 15th to go over site design and pick out plants to determine costs for master gardeners.
- Van has requested a detailed proposal to present to the city attorney regarding the use of the Greenhouse. Ginny mentioned duplicating a greenhouse mentioned in an article in the paper. Mike mentioned that they propagate natives at one location and move to City greenhouse. Some members of the BAC suggested the purchase of a cover (greenhouse plastic) for the greenhouse to prepare for El Nino.
- Regarding the Marvilla Estates Park Project, Ginny will meet with Beverley (Girl Scouts) to set a maintenance date for October to put more plants in.
- Oddstad/Terra Nova Medians Project is on hold.
- It was mentioned that the Calera Creek fence was made of grape vine split fence. The cedar is costly and impossible to replace. A program must be put in place to put together volunteers to maintain fence. Public Works is able to mow around the fence regarding maintenance in the meantime. Fence was initially installed as a safety barrier to keep people out of the creek.
- Ginny Jaquith and Wendy Santiago met with the Rotary Club regarding the Oceana Blvd. improvements. The Rotary Club has agreed to move forward in September. They have budgeted \$1900 for the project. The Rotary Club will help in soliciting businesses for funding. Initial soil preparations will hopefully take place in November.
- The Highway One project is on hold. Caltrans supervisor to be contacted regarding the upkeep of our main street.

Continuing Business:

- Ron Maykel presented a railroad-theme as a suggestion for the blank wall along the Valley Mar shopping center. The property owner will be contacted. Van Ocampo will follow-up with Caltrans regarding the concrete wall by overpass. It was suggested that a mural sub-committee be formed. Wendy will reach out to the Historical Society. Mayor Karen Ervin will follow-up with the City Council.
- Mayors Beautification subcommittee updated the article to the tribune. Details surrounding the name clarification of the Mayor's Beautification Award and the date of announcement were discussed. Homeowners to be asked permission regarding contact information.

New Business:

- There is no New Business.

Report from Staff:

- Karen Ervin related that the City is going to have a booth; the subcommittees may want to hand things out.
- Wendy Santiago thanked DPW for minute-taking.

Items for Next Meeting:

Wendy is out for the next meeting. Assistant Chair, David Martinez will fill-in.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

The next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the EOC room located in the Pacifica Police Station at 2075 Coast Highway Pacifica California.