

Beautification Committee Agenda

It is the mission of the Beautification Commission to add to the rich cultural history of our place; share the beauty of our community; and instill a sense of pride in our public, private, and communal outdoor spaces.

Location: VIA ZOOM

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 5:30pm

Chair: Tiffany Prince

Agenda items

T. Prince	Call the Meeting to order	5:30pm
Izetta Grossman	Roll Call	
T. Prince	Approval of November 12, 2020 meeting minutes	
Meeting Focus:	Review of Meeting with City Manager Loo (20 minutes) Pressure Washing (20 mins) Welcome Signs (20 mins) Downtown trees (20 mins)	5:40 pm
Updates	Rose Garden - Connie	7:00
ADJOURN		7:30 pm
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Additional information

- ✚ Email Izetta igrossman@ci.the-dalles.or.us to add items to future agendas
- ✚ Next Mtg: December 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 18, 2020

5:30PM

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Tiffany Prince

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Coats, Judy Merrill, Tiffany Prince, Connie Krummrich, John Nelson, Bill Lennox, Max Butensky

ABSENT: None

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Tiffany Prince called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Izetta Grossman conducted roll call; all member present.

Tiffany thanked John for running the last meeting.

DEBRIEF FROM LAST MEETING

LOO

Judy said her take away from the meeting with the City Manager was:

City couldn't purchase or do maintenance

2023 taxes from Google could help

Provide summary to City Manager for presentation at Goal Setting on January 29

Judy do presentation to Council January 11

Judy said she met with the Mayor and he reviewed the rolls/processes of City Council/Mayor/City Manager/Beautification Committee and the discussed the LOO.

Judy asked if the Committee as a whole was in support of the LOO.

Brenda suggested a letter of support.

It was moved by Tiffany and seconded by Bill for the Committee to support Judy and the LOO project with a letter of support that the President would create and sign. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESSURE WASHING

Judy summarized:

No need to take to Council

Provide City Manager with recommendation, including costs, possible equipment

Check with Main Street to see if there was business support

Mayor very supportive of the idea

Committee could use some of their funds

Bill said he went to look at the sidewalks; 2nd Street look pretty good (redone in 2003); 3rd Street old sidewalks. He said while walking around a renter in the Klindt's block said it was more important to get the store fronts filled.

Bill said there needed to be a conversation with the property owners/business owners to make sure they are in support of pressure washing the sidewalks.

Bill suggested a test block to see if there was interest generated.

Brenda said if an employee did the work, perhaps the Committee could purchase the machine.

Tiffany said the Committee needed to provide the City Manager with options.

Welcome Signs

John reported that Pat from ODOT liked the sign at Public Works for the end of the ramp at the Marina.

He said Pat would make tour arrangements with Dave Anderson, Dale McCabe, John, Tiffany, Max, Mayor.

He said the timeline would be within the life of the Committee.

Downtown Trees

Izetta said the City Manager had directed the General Services crew to contact the arborist about the dying trees to get recommendations.

Judy asked about the Sorosis Trees. Bill said the Parks and Recreation District were developing a plan.

Brenda said the replanting of trees was a ways off. She said they had to develop an irrigation plan. She said there were still 150 stumps to grind out.

Rose Gardens

Connie said she went to a Parks and Rec Board meeting in October. She said she noticed that the City Park had been weeded, so she called the Director, Scott Baker and told him it looked great.

She said they were hoping Gene Parker would lead the volunteer group, as he didn't have the staff.

Judy said she would be willing to help mulch, but she wasn't weeding or pruning roses.

Brenda said she was still working on the security system. Parks & Rec says they have no funding for the security.

Starlight Parade

Tiffany said she met with the Chamber regarding partnership expectations for the Parade. She said she was developing a flyer, and for the committee to please promote the event.

She asked that the Committee encourage people to drive around town to view the decorations after the parade.

Holiday Décor Award

Connie said she was going off the sub-committee. Judy said she would rotate on.

Tiffany asked everyone to send Izetta their nominations by December 9. The December winner could be on the January water bill.

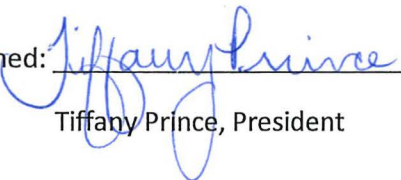
Izetta will post winner the week of Christmas to Facebook.

John, Tiffany and Judy would meet to discuss the winner.

Tiffany will provide John and Judy with the guidelines.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Signed: _____
Tiffany Prince, President

FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH SCOTT BAKER RE: PARKS AND REC VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

(Note: Recall that, as a citizen, I attended the Sept. 16th Parks and Rec Bd. Meeting, where I recommended to the Director and Board that they organize a volunteer group...ex. "Friends of the Rose Gardens"-in order to support regular, sustainable maintenance of the gardens. There was a positive response. I reported this to the Beautification Committee and Tiffany suggested that our group craft a letter of support and send it to Scott Baker and the Board. She and I were going to draft a letter.)

I called Scott to tell him that I had noticed that someone had done a lot of weeding at the City Park Rose Garden and that it looks much better. Scott stated that a P&R staff had weeded the garden.

He then went on to say that he had talked with Gene Parker and that Gene has volunteered to help organize people to regularly care for the rose gardens. And he asked if Gene had called me. He has not. I shared that Brenda had talked with Gene and had the impression that he wants to help care for the roses, but he does not want to be the lead organizer of ongoing volunteer efforts. Scott said he may have misunderstood and that he would talk with Gene again.

I referenced the comments I had made at the Sept. 16th meeting about the ideal of having someone from Parks and Rec. staff be the organizer. Scott stated that they have lost staff and money, due to COVID and that there is no one available for such a task. Gene has a key to the shed. Parks and Rec will pay for gloves, spray, tools. Scott believes that it could be better if a volunteer group was organized outside of official Parks and Rec. program.

I told him I plan to do some weeding at the City Park and again expressed the hope that the garden there will be mulched. He indicated that mulch will be delivered but made no commitment that staff would spread it.

I expressed thanks.