

# 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, December 9, 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 18, 2020 meeting minutes, and November 12, 2020 minutes	
Meeting Focus:	FOLLOW UPS	5:40 pm
	Planters/Benches - Information from Main Street and Chamber	
	DT Survey - yes or no	
	Pressure washing	
Other Business	Welcome Signs	7:00 pm
	Second Saturday Community Clean ups	
ADJOURN		7:30 pm

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Next Meeting January 13, 2020 5:30 pm

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 12, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by John and seconded by Max to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 Meeting with clerical amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

President Tiffany Prince said the next meeting would be November 18 to debrief the meeting with the City Manager.

She said she would have to leave the meeting shortly and John Nelson would take over leading the meeting.

REVIEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS – with City Manager

City Manager Julie Krueger thanked the committee for inviting her. She said the committee had done some wonderful work.

LOO – Judy reviewed her report.

City Manager Julie Krueger said the City did not have the General Service staff to clean and maintain the Loo.

Judy asked how to partner with the City. City Manager said the City would still offer the property, water and sewer connections and pay the water and sewer bills.

Judy said with COVID the lack of restrooms downtown became more important. She said restrooms would be helpful for revitalization happening downtown. Judy said many cities budget for maintenance or contract it out. Judy asked if there were Economic Recovery Funds that could be used for the Loo.

Bill said the idea of Loo had been brought up as a Beautification Project, the project fell short when the City couldn't take on the maintenance. He said the project would need the support of the City. He said the Council needed to decide how they would like the City to be seen and step up to fund the project.

City Manager Krueger said the City would need to hire a full-time person. She said that wasn't possible under the current revenue slow down in transient room tax. She said the Economic Recovery funds were focused on helping business keep their doors open.

She said there were porta-potties at Lewis & Clark Park that were open 24/7. She said the City had cut expenses by \$1million already. She said it looks like an infrastructure project, but not a top priority.

Connie said she attended the City Council meeting on mental illness issues and noted that lack of restrooms was brought up. She wondered if any of the Google funds could be used.

City Manager Krueger said she had offered twice to pay for porta potties at St. Vincent's. She said they weren't interested in having porta potties. She said Parks & Recreation District was resistant to taking on anything during COVID.

City Manager Krueger said the first year of Google taxes coming onto the tax roles would be fiscal year 2022-23.

Judy asked about taking the idea to the Council in January as an educational piece.

City Manager Krueger said she didn't see the Loo as a beautification project, but Judy could come and present the idea.

John said the committee had discussed if it was a beautification project. He said it was felt that the Loo would make the community more "beautiful" and accepting for tourists.

Pressure Washing – Judy reviewed the report.

Judy said that other cities pressure was the sidewalks downtown 1 to 4 times a year. She said the cities she talked to said it really made a difference.

City Manager complimented Judy on a thorough report. She said cleaning the buildings scared her from a liability standpoint.

She said an idea might be for the City to purchase the equipment and Main Street could loan it out to businesses to use regularly.

Judy said the bids were by six-sided block (4 sides and 2 sides across the street). She said water was an issue. She had talked to Dave Anderson at Public Works and he suggested using the fire hydrants, and the 300-gallon tank the City could possibly loan. She said Anderson recommended no doors, or buildings and to work closely with the business owners.

Judy said beginning in spring to help the downtown get going again, feel supported.

City Manager Krueger said he liked the project. She asked if the project had been discussed with Main Street. She said permission from the property owners might be needed.

Judy said she had researched the cost of a truck.

Brenda asked if the city had a vehicle for use. City Manager said she would look into it.

City Manager Krueger said maybe hire a temporary employee for once a year side walk pressure cleaning.

She asked for a written recommendation from the committee:

- A. One-time contract – estimated cost and exact location
- B. Get the equipment – use city vehicle with temporary/seasonal employee
- C. Include thoughts from Main Street – are the businesses interested
- D. Other alternative

Then she could decide and get back to the committee.

#### Welcome Signs

City Manager said she liked the work that had been done. She said Pat Cimmoiti from ODOT had been a very good partner to the City.

She asked if the City would be responsible for maintaining the landscaping on the eastside over pass location. John said there was water and electricity there, but the system had broken. He said it would be City's responsibility to maintain and water the plants.

John said Pat would like to meet with Dave and Dale at Public Works to develop a design plan for the location of the west side sign (fill is needed).

John said he would also like a tour with Dale, Dave, Pat, City Manager and Mayor in the next few weeks.

John asked if it was appropriate to take the plan to Council. City Manager Krueger said after the field trip coming to the Council with a report, what ODOT is doing, what Public Works is contributing and a timeline. She said it sounded like the project couldn't be complete for a couple of years. John agreed.

Max talked about the existing Welcome to Historic Downtown The Dalles sign at the west end of the round a bout that needed to be more visible. He said he had talked to Dave about lighting, and access to power. He said either flood lighting or back lighting, which ever would be best for traffic flow.

City Manager Krueger said she would follow up with Dave Anderson at Public Works.

Downtown Trees – Bill Lennox reviewed the report.

Bill said Judy had done a lot of research on past ideas and committees. He said an ordinance was written, and a comprehensive report presented to Council 26 years ago. He said it was critical to know if the City Manager was interested in bringing to Council to take another look at it.

City Manager Krueger said she was willing to take it before Council at their goal setting session in January. She said getting it into the goals gave the project a shot at progressing.

Judy said there was a local arborist that would give free estimates. She suggested having an arborist look at the Second Street trees and give advice. City Manager Krueger said she would have General Services contact an arborist to look at the downtown trees.

Judy asked if there was an active committee working on the trees. City Manager Krueger said there was not.

Judy asked if the Sorosis trees could be part of the research on best trees to plant. City Manager Krueger said she believed that Scott Baker, Director of Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District was working on what kind of trees would be best. She said she was meeting with him next week and would ask him about it.

John said the Committee had to remember that Parks & Recreation was a separate district with its own board. He said Scott Baker was working on a plan. He said there are water issues that would continue, due to the park being in the slide area, as soil shifts irrigation systems are compromised.

Connie suggested inviting Scott Baker to a meeting for an update in January or February.

#### Other items

John asked the City Manager about the murals at the round a bout. He said the art was deteriorating. He asked if any thought had been given to redesigning the round a bout.

City Manager Krueger said she had a conversation recently with a local artist about the art at the round a bout. She said stamped concrete was an option.

John suggested something basalt like would look nice. City Manager Krueger agreed. She said maybe tie the round a bout into the Welcome Sign so it matches.

Judy thanked the City Manager for coming and listening and giving feedback.

Connie reminded everyone of the Community Clean up on Saturday 10 am meet at Thompson Park. Connie said there would be no clean up December, January and February.

#### ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tiffany Prince, President

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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Street look pretty good (redone in 2003); 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**From:** [Judy Merrill](#)  
**To:** [Izetta F. Grossman](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter  
**Date:** Monday, December 07, 2020 1:48:55 PM

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Hi Izetta... Let me know when you receive this. Thank you. Stay warm!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Luise Langheinrich <lllcubed17@gmail.com>  
**Date:** December 7, 2020 at 1:11:39 PM PST  
**To:** Judy Merrill <jude@gorge.net>  
**Subject: Re: Letter**

Here's the link to the document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/139Atwgnvik29-eeKL14OwnBLod6ETad2HiC2pHPaQlg/edit?usp=sharing>

Date: December 7, 2020

To: The Dalles City Council and Mayor

From: Luise Llangheinrich, owner Lines of Designs, 107 E. 2nd St., The Dalles, OR

Re: Portland Loo

Honorable Councilors and Mayor,

I am writing this letter in support of a Portland Loo for downtown The Dalles. I have been a downtown business owner for over 16 years and I have seen first hand the need for public restrooms. People of all ages and walks of life have asked to use the facilities over the years. Some are parents with children, tourists, the elderly and so on. Many buildings and businesses downtown are not able to meet this demand, and why should they.

I have seen the value first hand for a community that provides clean public restrooms--they are visited. I have traveled with an elderly parent and I can attest to the importance of finding easy access restrooms. The Dalles is a destination for visitors regionally and from river cruise boats. Providing clean public facilities is more than just a nicety, it is a necessity.

Please support the Portland Loo. I do.



**Portland Loo**

**From:** [John Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Izetta F. Grossman](#)  
**Subject:** photos of the east side location for Welcome signs  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 1:15:53 PM

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Hi Izetta,

If you could, please download these pictures for my report on the Welcome sign locations so that you could display these on zoom for the meeting next week while I talk about these locations. Pat, another ODOT representative, Dave Anderson and I met at the east and west side location to pinpoint where the welcome signs will go and talked about all the details for that. I will talk about that field trip and what I learned plus next steps for the Beautification sub committee for the welcome sign project.

On another email I will send 3 west side pictures of that location.

Thanks,

John





**From:** [John Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Izetta F. Grossman](#)  
**Subject:** west side location pictures  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 1:22:00 PM

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## **SECOND SATURDAY COMMUNITY CLEANUPS/STOP THE DROP**

Two successful Cleanups took place this Fall.

An October 10<sup>th</sup> event gathered 20 participants. The Main Street Org., the Guest Host for the event, focused on an area Downtown, and the rest of us picked up litter in the cruise ship dock area/westward to Webber St.

November 14<sup>th</sup> saw 14 volunteers. A Main Street crew cleaned up on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and others attacked W. 6<sup>th</sup>, typically one of the most littered places in town. I later learned that Dave Anderson planned to send a City crew to finish cleaning up in the long ditch on W.6<sup>th</sup>. It is highly polluted with trash and we were not prepared for that task on the 14<sup>th</sup>. A Community Service crew usually cleans up the ditch, but that did not happen this year due to the pandemic.

A LARGE amount of trash was collected! An overflowing pick-up load in October...and over 23 large bags in November.

In January, Rachel Carter and I will continue efforts to secure Guest Hosts for the monthly cleanups in 2021, which will resume in March and run through November. Three groups have already expressed interest and we have leads on others. Please share any tips! This is all about building partnerships and community pride.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

December 9, 2020

5:30PM

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Tiffany Prince

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

ABSENT: Bill Lennox

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CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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FOLLOW UP

Tiffany reported that she had not received any information from the Chamber or Main Street. She said she had also invited them to the first meeting in January. Tiffany said she would reach out again.

DOWNTOWN SURVEY

Tiffany asked if the Committee wanted to proceed with the survey.

It was the consensus of the Committee to not proceed during COVID. Then to discuss with Main Street, if they wanted to proceed, since it was their survey to begin with.

The idea was mentioned to hold a town hall type meeting with Main Street and Downtown businesses after COVID to discuss what was most important to the downtown businesses.

LOO

Judy said she had a letter of support from Louis at Lines of Design, and Tiffany was writing a letter of support from the Beautification Committee.

Judy asked for feedback on the one page she sent out just before the meeting (attached). She said she would be adding a sentence regarding the City Manager's letter that says the City will pay for cost of extending water and sewer to the LOO, as well as ongoing paying for water and sewer bills.

SECURITY AT VOGT FOUNTAIN

Brenda reported that there had been more vandalism at Sorosis Park.

She said Scott Baker, Jim Wilcox and herself had met with Angie Wilson (Manager of the Marina) to view the security system at the Marina. She said the video was very clear.

Brenda asked if the Committee would be interested in donating more money to the security system if needed. She said she would have an estimate by the next meeting.

The Committee asked for the item to be on the next agenda, when more information would be available.

OTHER BUSINESS

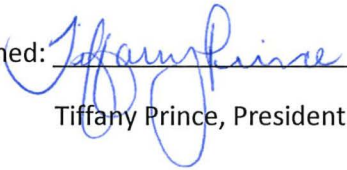
Judy asked that Izetta check with the City Manager regarding the status of the arborist, and what the City Manager found out about the plan for trees at Sorosis Park.

It was suggested to invite Scott Baker to a future meeting when he would have a more information on replacing the trees at Sorosis Park.

ADJOURN

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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