

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 7, 2021

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Tiffany Prince

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, John Nelson, Bill Lennox, Max Butensky,
Judy Merrill

ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

President Tiffany Prince called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

President Prince conducted roll call; all members present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Lennox to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0; Nelson, Lennox, Krummrich, Butensky, Prince, Merrill voting in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Lennox and seconded by Nelson to approve the March 17, 2021 Regular Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0; Nelson, Lennox, Krummrich, Butensky, Prince, Merrill voting in favor; none opposed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Term

Welcome Signs

Nelson reported Prince arranged zoom meeting with Scott Stephenson at the Art Center, on Friday. He said Scott will help create the contest for design of the signs.

Stop the Drop/Community Clean-ups

Krummrich reviewed the report.

Next clean up this Saturday, meet at Thompson Park. She reported that at the last meeting the Committee voted to dedicate funds for the vests and extra dumping charges. She reported that Rachel Carter insisted on paying for any needs through Gorge Honda/Toyota.

Trees

Merrill reported on the arborist report. She said the invoice came to \$425; she was impressed with the report.

Nelson unclear about if the wells the trees are planted in will work well long term. Concerned about anything being planted in those wells.

Merrill said she agreed, the roots are restricted in the wells.

She asked about where to go with the report. Krummrich third paragraph on gurgling roots, is concerning.

Grossman said the job of the Committee is to give the report to the City to decide the best course of action. She said the Council would be informed at the next Beautification Committee quarterly report.

Merrill talked about the watering of the trees. She said General Services Terry Harkrader said the trees hadn't been watered correctly this last year. Merrill said as she was talking to Josh, Gorge Arbore Care, he said Harkrader told him there was not money in the budget.

Merrill said she asked Grossman about the tree watering and got no response. She said she told Grossman she wanted to call Harkrader and Grossman asked her to honor the previous request to not contact staff.

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Grossman asked for the conversation to be held at the next meeting when the City Manager would be in attendance. Merrill insisted on continuing. She said she felt she was being spanked; Julie, Tiffany, Izetta have always told her to speak to this person or that person.

Prince said she had a meeting with the City Manager, Grossman and the Mayor. She said she asked the City Manager to come to the next meeting to discuss the topic.

She said the City Manager will clarify work flow; when to contact staff; who to contact; not directing staff work.

Nelson said he would like to recommend to Council that an arborist be part of the future of the trees, to oversee the care of the trees.

Krummrich glad that the committee will get further direction, so she can be clear of how to proceed with her projects.

Lennox said probably not a big deal, let's wait for the City Manager to talk to us. He said just go through the process the City Manager lays out.

Krummrich was planning on meeting with Keever at Public Works on Kelly Triangle.

Prince asked Krummrich to wait for the next meeting. She said if it's a time issue, please email the City Manager directly, and cc Grossman. Krummrich said she would wait for direction from Prince.

Beautification Award

Nelson said never had a photo op with April recipient. He said he didn't think any reporting had been done on the award.

Merrill said Grossman did receive the address for the utility bill.

Prince said just take a photo of the yard with the sign, and contact the Mayor for him to give them a call.

Short-Term

Kelly Triangle

Krummrich reviewed the report.

At the end of the last meeting Nelson and Lennox suggested recommending to Public Works to

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extend the poles.

She said she had talked to Keever at Public Works about extending two to 7-foot poles; one to an 8-foot pole and secured in concrete. She said Keever is looking into plantings, and new tree.

Butensky said Public Works would be installing a new irrigation system, therefore the project would slow down for a bit.

Benches/Trashcans/Outdoor fixtures

Merrill said she is stopping working on the trashcans. She offered her research to any member who was interested.

ACTION ITEMS

City Clock Lighting

Grossman reported that the face of the clock would be different, no words (currently The Dalles Oregon is on the face), and it would be roman numerals.

She said the City wanted to make sure the Committee was aware and approved of those changes.

Committee didn't receive the email, they asked for it to be on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/OTHER BUSINESS

Krummrich reported on writing thank you notes to:

- Main Street and The Dalles Art Center for Elementary Art Contest
- Copper West and St. Mary's guest hosts of the March Clean Up
- Freebridge and Kainos saving bags for trash pickup
- Master gardeners for trimming roses
- Rachel and Aaron Carter for all their work on the clean ups

Lennox reported meeting a young man with a bucket and picker stick picking up trash. Lennox said he spoke with him, and invited him to a meeting. His name is Mo Burford, and works at the Library. He said they brainstormed.

Lennox felt he was a potential Committee member.

Butensky said he thinks he and Krummrich had seen that person as well.

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The next meeting will be April 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Items for the agenda

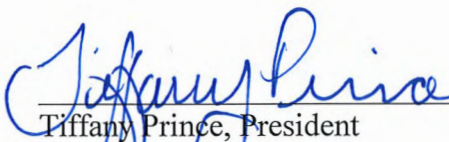
Clock Lightening Decision

ADJOURNMENT

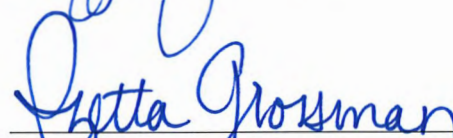
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Tiffany Prince, President

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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