

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Tiffany Prince

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, John Nelson, Bill Lennox, Adam Rahmlow

ABSENT: Debi Ferrer

GUEST: Councilor Dan Richardson, Main Street Executive Director Tory Davis, Main Street Grant Coordinator Crystal Krueger

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

President Tiffany Prince called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Izetta Grossman conducted roll call; Prince, Krummrich, Lennox, Nelson, Rahmlow present; Ferrer absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Lennox and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; 1 absent: Lennox, Krummrich, Nelson, Prince, Rahmlow voting in favor; Ferrer absent; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nelson asked that he be added and Rahmlow be removed from the Wind Spinners committee.

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Krummrich to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as amended. The motion carried 5 to 0; 1 absent: Lennox, Krummrich, Nelson, Prince, Rahmlow voting in favor; Ferrer absent; none opposed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stop the Drop/Community Clean-ups

Krummrich said she had provided a report, that was missing from the packet (attached). She reviewed the report.

There was discussion on ordering and use of the hats. It was decided to discuss the topic at the March 7th meeting.

Nelson said he would reach out to Jeremy Thompson from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with Krummrich's contact information to discuss Taylor Lakes cleanup.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/OTHER BUSINESS

Budget request from City of The Dalles

President Prince introduced guest Councilor Dan Richardson and Main Street Director Tory Davis. She said they had been invited to be part of the discussion of project items for consideration during the City Budget process.

Benches/Trashcans/Planters Nelson said Main Street had done some work on planters and benches in the past.

Davis said Main Street was very interested in partnering with the Committee. She said they could assist with flyer distribution for the monthly cleanups and Stop the Drop campaign.

Davis said Main Street had five downtown festivals where the Committee could have an informational booth regarding project. She said the venues could be used to get community input on projects.

Davis said there was a T-mobile grant that Main Street could apply for that was up to \$50,000 with a 30% match.

Krueger said the grants were for shovel ready projects, and would need a project plan with costs and number of benches/trashcans/planters that were needed.

There was discussion on how to provide maintenance of the benches, plant and tree watering. Davis said she was talking to businesses to "sponsor" a bench and be responsible for maintenance.

Richardson said the Committee could come to any Council meeting and voice their support of the city increasing maintenance staff to be able to take care of downtown maintenance of "furniture", watering of trees, etc.

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It was the consensus of the Committee to ask Urban Renewal Manager Alice Cannon and Main Street Executive Director to come to the next meeting to further discuss partnerships.

Trees

The Committee discussed a residential education campaign connected to Arbor Day and partnering with other entities; hiring an arborist to identify what would work best in The Dalles, how best to plan streets and sidewalks to provide the best chance of successful growth (first phase of multi-year project); recommending the City have a professional urban arborist on retainer as a consultant.

After much discussion it was the consensus of the committee to request funds to hire an Urban Arborists from Council project budget and to work on the education piece through the \$10,000 the committee received each year, as they do for the Stop the Drop education campaign. The committee felt strongly that a one block pilot project, after getting the arborist report was important for community buy in.

It was moved by Prince and seconded by Rahmlow to make a budget request from City Council for \$48,000; \$20,000 for the Arborist survey and report; and \$28,000 contribution to replacing the benches and trashcans, and purchasing planters for the downtown. The motion carried 5 to 0; 1 absent: Lennox, Krummrich, Nelson, Prince, Rahmlow voting in favor; Ferrer absent; none opposed.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Items for the agenda

How many hats to purchase and for what purpose

Guest Main Street/Urban Renewal Agency

ADJOURNMENT

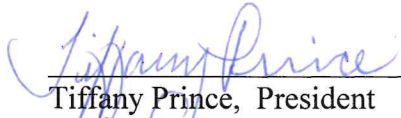
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by/

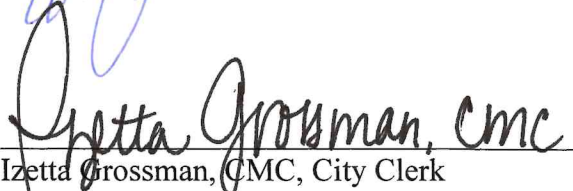
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SIGNED:


Tiffany Prince, President

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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