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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 4, 2022

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: John Nelson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, Adam Rahmlow, Bill Lennox, Debi Ferrer

ABSENT: Tiffany Prince

GUEST: Mayor Rich Mays

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Izetta Grossman conducted roll call; Prince absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Rahmlow and seconded by Lennox to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Prince absent; Ferrer, Lennox, Rahmlow, Krummrich, Nelson voting in favor; none opposed.

Wind Sculpture Update

Krummrich reported that the 3 sculptures for the plaza at the dock were scheduled to ship on April 15th. She said she left a message for David Mills at Public Works to arrange a meeting to look at the Trevitt and Monteria's locations.

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Ferrer offered to follow up with him to set a time. She said she would email the subcommittee of time.

Rahmlow said the Beautification Award had been presented to “Sparky” and 1904 Oakwood. He said the yard front and back were beautiful. He said Mr. Sparks really enjoyed receiving the award and meeting the Mayor.

Krummrich reminded everyone the 2nd Saturday Clean up was April 12th, meeting at Thompson Park. She said the POP group and the Wasco County Democrats were the co-hosts for the event.

DISCUSSION

Council and Budget Committee Presentation

Mayor Mays said he was happy to assist the Committee with the presentation.

Lennox said the items of importance were:

1. Hiring a landscape person
2. Hiring a staff person to create landscape and tree plan for the City, implement the plan

He said the Planning Department and Public Works Departments need to work together.

Lennox said the City had a canopy at one time, with climate change there is no better time to create one again.

Ferrer said implementing an Urban Tree Project plan was beyond the scope for the Beautification Committee. Ferrer said that the City needed a staff person to manage the project. She said there were many models available, but someone needed to bring everyone together and develop a plan.

Krummrich was in support of a “Design Team” to bring everyone together to work in one direction. She suggested hiring an Urban Arborist and additional staff people to properly care for the trees.

Mayor Mays asked what staff members had the Committee worked with.

Lennox said a couple of years ago Judy Merrill had worked with Public Works. He said the Committee hired an arborist for a report and recommendations for the downtown trees. He said it was determined the holes the trees were planted in were too small and needed adequate water. The City hired Luciano’s to water the trees.

It was mentioned that the Committee had been directed by the City Manager to make recommendations to City for implementation.

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There was discussion regarding:

- matching benches, planters and trashcans throughout downtown.
- Committee had asked Alice Cannon, Urban Renewal Manager/Community Development Director to come to a meeting to talk about coordination with the 1st Street project.
- Cannon indicated the decisions were already made, and irrigation wasn't included.
- Grant writer to assist with finding funds
- Main Street, Urban Renewal, Planning, working together for cohesive look
- Need someone focused on the future

Mayor Mays said he and Councilor Richardson were in favor of these ideas. He said he had discussed trees with the incoming City Manager Matthew Klebes and felt Mr. Klebes was interested.

It was decided everyone who could attend the Budget Committee Meeting and the City Council meeting would attend and sit together.

Ferrer said she was on the Urban Renewal Budget Committee and would speak for the Beautification Committee at the Budget meeting on April 12th.

Everyone would send Ferrer photos.

Ferrer would work on the presentation:

Slideshow of accomplishments - Prince

Lennox would narrate the Tree project

Ferrer would present on downtown furniture

It was agreed the next meeting would be practice for the presentation. Mayor Mays said he would attend the next meeting.

Rahmlow suggested everyone welcome the new Committee Member via email after the appointment was approved at the April 11th City Council Meeting.

Krummrich asked that a financial statement be in the next packet. Grossman said the wind sculptures might not be on the statement in time for the next agenda.

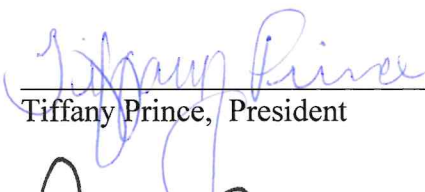
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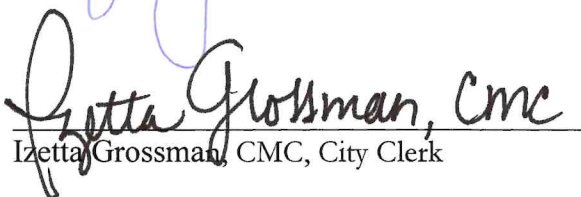
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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED: 
Tiffany Prince, President

ATTEST: 
Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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