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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 3, 2023

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Adam Rahmlow

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, Debi Ferrer, Janet Kavanaugh

ABSENT: John Nelson, Kelsey Alsheimer

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

Also, in attendance: Matthew Klebes, City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Adam Rahmlow called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Kavanaugh and seconded by Rahmlow to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 4 to 0; Kavanaugh, Rahmlow, Krummrich, Ferrer voting in favor; Nelson, Alsheimer absent; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

It was moved by Rahmlow and seconded by Kavanaugh to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Rahmlow, Kavanaugh, Ferrer, Krummrich in favor; Nelson, Alsheimer absent; none opposed.

Nelson arrived at 4:07 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rahmlow said the City Manager was at the meeting to talk with the Committee regarding the status of various items.

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Stop The Drop/Second Saturday Monthly Cleanup

Krummrich said the next Second Saturday Cleanup was scheduled for Saturday April 8th. She asked anyone who could attend to do so.

She said she had been in 13 classrooms at Colonel Wright Elementary School with the Stop The Drop Campaign. Krummrich said an assembly was held at Dry Hollow Elementary with over 400 children in attendance.

Krummrich said Ferrer would be the Lead on the Second Saturday Cleanups when she steps off the Committee at the end of June.

City Manager Klebes said he thought Nubia Sanchez was working on City Employees cohosting the April event.

Krummrich said she had not heard that, however, all are welcome to show up for any amount of time.

Klebes said he was open to cohosting, and asked Grossman to follow up with the JDI Team.

Tree Grant Application

City Manager Klebes thanked the Committee on their work on the Tree Grant. He said staff had reviewed the grant application and had a few comments/recommendations.

Grant should include:

- Tree gator and/or perforated PVC water tube
- Resident responsible for watering and care including pruning
- Tree root barrier, to keep roots growing downward
- Tree wells
- Trees must be planted 3 to 5 feet from underground utilities

Concern:

- Property sells and new owner cuts down the tree.
- Possibly have the agreement to care for the tree go with the property.

The Committee was concerned that tying the grant agreement to the property might not be legal. Klebes said the grant agreement under legal review.

Nelson asked who was responsible for the parking strip where the trees would be planted.

Klebes said the property owner was responsible for the care and maintenance of the parking strip easement.

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It was the consensus of the Committee to postpone the grant application until Fall; in the meantime, refine the grant program to magnify the impact.

There was a lot of discussion regarding be prepared to apply for upcoming grants from the State.

- City needs to be ready to apply
- Tree Committee in place
- Need trees in downtown and residential areas
- Downtown has interesting architecture but look brown – needs trees planting
- Time to move forward with Climate Change issues
- Tree City USA needs to have tree ordinances

Ferrer said the “Green Infrastructure” or “Tree Act” currently in the legislature potentially could have a lot of funding for cities.

Krummrich said it was important to her to plant more trees in the downtown as well as residential areas.

City Manager Klebes said the Tree Grant Program could potentially be a plus when applying for State Grants. He asked the Committee to keep him informed about the grant opportunities. He said he needed to budgeting grant funds applied for and for spending of the funds.

Janet said a “Green Infrastructure” webpage would be needed.

City Manager Klebes said he had budgeted \$10,000 for small projects and \$20,000 for trees in the proposed fiscal year 23-24 City budget.

He said he was reposting the Facilities Supervisor position on April 11, 2023 if Council approves at the April 10th City Council Meeting. He said he hoped to have the position filled by May/June.

Klebes said the trees in the downtown need to be removed completely or have a full plan in place to replace them.

In response to the Committee desire to work on a full plan now, Klebes said he had asked City Clerk Grossman to work with a professional to review all the issues and come up with a plan for the downtown trees.

He said the full tree plan was an excellent objective, after the Downtown tree project moved forward.

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City Manager Klebes asked if the Beautification Committee would like to become the Tree Committee. He said the Committee would continue the Litter Campaigns and other projects.

It was the overwhelming opinion of the Committee that more members were needed to take on the task.

Klebes said he would discuss the idea with the Mayor.

Beautification Award

It was moved by Krummrich and seconded by Rahmlow to authorize Krummrich to spend up to \$50 to purchase product for refinishing the Beautification Award. The motion carried 5 to 0; Krummrich, Rahmlow, Nelson, Ferrer, Kavanagh voting in favor; Alsheimer absent.

Kelly Triangle Art

No update – Grossman will reach out to the College for an update.

Nelson asked if there was an update on the Welcome Sign installation. Grossman said she would reach out to Transportation Director David Mills.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 4:00 p.m.

- Tree Plan
- Welcome Sign Update

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Adam Rahmlow, President

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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