

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Adam Rahmlow

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, Debi Ferrer, Janet Kavanaugh, John Nelson

ABSENT: None

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

Also Present: David Mills, Transportation Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Adam Rahmlow called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rahmlow said Audience Participation would be dedicated to the Welcome Sign Update from David Mills.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ferrer and seconded by Rahmlow to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Krummrich, Rahmlow, Ferrer, Nelson, Kavanaugh voting in favor; none opposed.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

David Mills, Transportation Manager, showed the Committee the Welcome signs. He said they arrived last week and were scheduled for installation next week, if weather allows. Mills said the signs would remain covered until the Ribbon Cutting date.

In response to a question Mills said the West site was at Exit 82 (fish ladder bridge) on the right hand side, and the East site was at the East end of the parking lot, just before the roundabout.

Nelson asked if it was appropriate for him to inquire about Native American blessing on the signs. It was the consensus of the Committee for him to do that.

Grossman will reach out to the Chamber to schedule the Ribbon Cutting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stop The Drop/2nd Saturday Monthly Cleanup

Krummrich reported:

- April 8th Clean-up – 25 people; POP, Wasco County Democrats, Columbia Gorge Community College; cleaned from fish bridge to Taco Bell; 12 bags of trash.
- Krummrich and friend picked up another 5 bags the next week.
- Ditch on highway side needed cleaned out – too wet and slippery; Grossman asked Public Works if they could assist
- Next Clean-up: May 13th meet 10 am at Thompson Park

Krummrich will arrange a meeting with Ferrer and Rachel Carter of Gorge Honda/Toyota before her time on the Committee ends.

Krummrich said the display at the old Tony's building needs to be removed because the building is slated for demolition.

Kelly Triangle Art Update

Rahmlow reported he spoke with Professor Robert Clark and gave him Grossman's contact information. Rahmlow shared the designs and estimated costs for the project. (see attached)

Grossman reminded the Committee that the City's fiscal year ends on June 30, 2023. She said the City was required to take possession of items before June 30th.

Grossman said she would contact Clark and coordinate with David Mills for installation, to ensure the timeline was met.

It was moved by Ferrer and seconded by Krummrich to commission the Cherry Tree from Columbia Gorge Community College in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. The motion carried 5 to 0; Ferrer, Krummrich, Nelson, Kavanaugh, Rahmlow voting in favor; none opposed.

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Krummrich asked if Ferrer and Nelson could meet at 1010 8th Street to decide on the Beautification Award for May. Ferrer said she could. Nelson said he would try.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tree Project - next steps

Tree Grant

Ferrer said there was not enough time to award the grants this spring. She said the goal was to finalize the grant application and requirements by June. She said that would allow July and August for advertising the program, and receiving applications. Ferrer said planting time in October/November would be ideal.

Tree Committee

Ferrer said she had met with Grossman to talk about the possibility of having a Tree Committee that was a sub committee of the Beautification Committee.

Grossman said she was working on a resolution to go to Council in June making the Beautification Committee a standing committee with some general guidelines for scope of work.

Ferrer presented an idea:

Create an outline of what the Committee would recommend to Council including:

- Incorporating Parks and School in the plan
- Collect data on current canopy – ways to improve
- Tree Inventory
- Updated approved list of trees/banned trees
- Downtown analysis for successful trees to be planted this fall
 - Work with Urban Forestry representative regarding concerns
- Identify grants and requirements
- Tree Ordinance – this part would take a long time to create with staff
- Green infrastructure
- Tree Equity

She said to kick off the effort with the grant program for community, generate excitement.

Other items discussed to help with tree knowledge for community:

- Mailer – recommended trees, why to plant, how to care for
- City Website – page for Tree Committee
 - Information:
 - Tree City, Heritage Tree, Grants (for community members/City)

Grossman said the idea was to have the Facilities Manager on the Tree Committee as a member.

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She said they would then “carry the water” to City Manager. She said this would be the first step, then the grant to build enthusiasm.

Rahmlow said he heard a great saying that could be used:
The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago.
The next best time is NOW!

Next Meeting May 15, 2023; 4:00 p.m.

Items for next agenda:
New member outreach
Kelly Ave Triangle
Tree Project

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

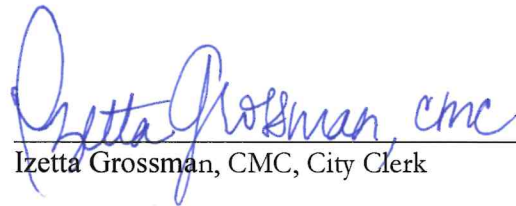
Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Adam Rahmlow, President

ATTEST:



Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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