

MT. SHASTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Lalo's Restaurant

520 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd., Mt. Shasta, CA.

June 8, 2016

1. Call to order - 4:00

Members Present - Paul B, Rod, Penney, Leslie, Lorie S., Kathy M., Terez, and Jacquie.

2. Public Comment

A. Pam Neronha is joining as a BC committee member. Pam has a background in eco-system management and loves gardening. Committee introduced ourselves and discussed the work project areas, and who spearheads the various target areas of the city.

B. Terez can't make it to the final work day. Paul will get tools from Native Grounds. At the North Triangle, Terez planned to install river rock and cloth. Paul B. objects because the rock makes weeding difficult. BC agreed to reduce the work to just weeding and wait until Terez returns to re-do the river rock area with new cloth and bark - no rock. For the Lake Street median work party, no traffic control is needed. Rod confirmed.

C. Rod noted - that the named City properties will be available on a list as an attachment to the agenda package. This will help BC identify possible future public art sites and areas to enhance.

D. Kathy M. asked about the City owned forested parcels and who is tending?

E. Lorie talked about Spring Hill trail - Joe (head of Spring Hill Trail Association) and Lorie talked and the Boy Scouts are willing to do some work. Lorie, Terez, and Joe will meet and pre-plan any advise that BC could render as a good partnership for volunteer work parties.

F. Lorie noted the rose garden is almost done. Lorie and Rod will discuss stump removal and tree removal/moving - refers to tree roots on the Main Blvd. buckling sidewalks.

3. Regular Meeting

Minutes - Approved for last meeting, May 11, 2016 - Paul made motion, Penny 2nd.

Agenda Items

Item #8 - final work date is Lake St. this weekend; volunteers bring own tools and bags for collection. July and Aug projects will be paused due to heat.

Item #9 - Parker Plaza planting and mulching - maintained by McLane but assisted by BC. Jacquie clarified that the Parker Plaza fund will go toward future shade trees. Jacquie and Rod are coordinating the planting and watering. Jacquie will assure plants get ample water this summer. Kathy suggested getting a landscape designer who would incorporate Parker Plaza enhancements with the rear parking area. Lorie wants to be assured the City Council is supportive of funds directed to enhancements, including support from DTEC.

Terez & Rod said there is no irrigation in the parking areas behind Parker Plaza. Kathy questioned what is best use for this area. Jacquie noted the Farmers Market hopes to see how the space can be utilized. Rod will check into safety fencing and responsibility of who is to maintain. Usage and needs to be determined before any renovations. Jacquie noted the privately owned propane tank needs to be moved before work proceeds. Rod will check ownership and removal of the tank. Kathy noted that DTEC & Chamber should lead parking lot re-purposing.

Item #10 - Hanging baskets - May 28 baskets were hung. Some 13 baskets were replaced for free, and Lorie has 5 others at her house reviving them. Quality has been an issue. Watering was set for M-W-F. Lorie tagged along for an early morning watering and offered some tips. Lorie thinks 7-day a week watering maybe needed. Jacquie suggested inserting moisture holding amendments to help with water retention. Lorie and Terez will monitor this carefully. Water reservoirs (soda bottles) were discussed to cure the stressed baskets. Penny talked to 2 store owners who might help with weekend watering but this is uncertain. Pam asked about banners being installed. Mtn Runners installs them in a few weeks just prior to July 4th. Rod talked about spring loaded banner arm. BC could install Summer/ Fall banners so we have beauty more consistently

#11- Lorie asked Rod about a solar light to illuminate the Lake Street median entry monument stone. It was agreed to call Steve Hickey to ask about solar version that will work. Get a price and Rod said this could be easily set for installation.

Paul B questioned why BC has anything to do with the Library. The Library is well funded. He made a motion, and seconded by Jacquie, to stop BC involvement. Members discussed the long history of BC assisting the Library. The members decided to table the motion and have Lorie talk to the Library about BC halting future landscape assistance. Terez thinks the minor amount of work doesn't impact BC and the appearance will suffer. Lorie agreed to talk to Terry Thompson about the issues of BC's tight funding and labor, learn what the Library's vision is for landscaping, and then have BC members evaluate what role is fair. Lorie will report back.

Item #16 - First Impressions event follow-up - Kathy is making a presentation at Monday's City Council meeting. This was a multi-city evaluation to note what visitors to our County experience when first visiting our area. Topics included signage, visitor centers, sense of welcome etc.

Final Comments - before Rod was Public Work Director, there was a catalogue for Mt. Shasta that offered various designs, plaques, markers etc. to encourage memorial items. Discuss this on the next agenda. Could this be revived, who would manage, what would be offered.

Adjourned 5:30.

