

MT. SHASTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Lalo's Restaurant

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

July 13, 2016

APPROVED

Pre- meeting: Lorie shared that in 1996 when past member, Jack Moore, left the committee he gave her several boxes of logo T-shirts. Lorie re-discovered them recently and asked members for suggestions for how they can best be distributed. She estimates there might be 50 shirts. Members will consider the best use and share in the near future.

1. Call to order - 4:10

Members Present - Lorie, Pam, Penny, Terez, Leslie, and Jacquie

2. **Public Comments** - Pam noted that the S. Mt. Shasta monument sign is not lighted. She noted this about 10:00 one evening while returning home. Lorie said to call Rod about this outage.

3. Regular Meeting -

Minutes from last meeting, June 8 - motion to approve by Penny, Jacquie 2nd. Approved.

Agenda Items-

Item #8 - Parker Plaza - Jacquie reported 2 large shade trees were planted last Friday. They'll also provide Fall color. The mature trees were bought with funds from private donations collected for Parker Plaza. Jacquie estimates the fund still has about \$500 remaining. Like other areas of the Plaza, irrigation is being handled by the maintenance company. Jacquie added that when Rod saw the mature tree size he said the new trees are in line with what he wants for future street tree replacement. Members noted they see more people using and honoring the intent of Parker Plaza, and that the stone table moved to City Hall is being used more in that location.

Item #9 - Solar lighting on Lake street sign. Lorie spoke to Mary Hickey and Mary is researching a solar light with enough lumens to be effective. Jacquie suggested researching Costco's inventory of solar lighting and battery backup units, and locally Wholesale solar. Lorie will investigate to see if Wholesale Solar might want to participate in some manner.

Item #10 - Library planting maintenance. Terry Thompson and Lorie are still trying to schedule a discussion time. Penny noted there is new library management (a woman named Courtney is in charge of new library management). Local taxing has created ample funds in the library budget. A member shared the funds are in the \$300K range. Penny's believes that since the funds came from Mt. Shasta citizens, the money should be spent in the City. Pam said she thought the main

library grounds were not well kept, except areas tended by BC work efforts. Mention was made of some historical trees transplanted there from an original ranch in Mt Shasta. Lorie hopes to see landscaping against the library building. Lorie will press to get a meeting with Terry Thompson to get feedback and goals of the new management. Penny mentioned that the Friends of the Library Committee have many issues they're considering and may not know that BC has been servicing the landscaping. Discuss on the August agenda

Item #11 - Public Art - BC members had no update but believes DTEC, or a sub-committee, is discussing murals and public art.

Item #12 - Gift Catalogue - BC members reviewed that in 2001, there was a preliminary concept and plan for a Mt. Shasta gift catalogue marketing memorial gifts like - trees, benches, and municipal objects with dedication plaques. Terez thought it was proposed as a tab or note on the City website. A rough prototype was designed, i.e. the Mt. Runners dedication bricks at City Hall, but no subsequent action occurred. BC members stated that any revival of a catalogue can't be run by BC. Lorie recalls people who in the past bought trees or some granite markers that she assisted. BC members likes the idea of reviving a gift/memorial catalogue, but agreed the management would need a point person to coordinate. Penny recalls that plaques were sadly stolen on some of the earlier installations. Lorie asks for serious consideration of the gift catalogue and how it might be best managed. BC could organize a plan for gifts and memorials that would enhance the City, but some non- BC citizen would be needed to handle ordering, delivery, and accounting.

Penny's comment about past vandalism sparked a reminder from Lorie that while she and her husband were re-planting this year at the City Hall area, a bag of landscape bark she left there overnight was taken. Jacquie mentioned the thief of an unplanted maple tree from Parker Plaza.

Item #13 - August Meeting - Terez recommends Fall work dates be discussed at the next meeting. Additionally, she asked for feedback on the 31 hanging flower baskets. Some are struggling and Lorie can replace some with the extra's she is reviving at her home. Jacquie believes this basket order was not colorful enough, and thinks the baskets fade into the background. Any future baskets need to consider the competing surroundings and need to be larger. The current baskets are appealing from the sidewalks but are not noticeable when driving. Members recommended that future baskets have more trailing plants for drama. There has been a learning curve regarding hanging baskets - future baskets will be more successful, prominent, and easier to maintain.

Future Agenda - Pam noted Rod is getting BC a list of City properties for long-term planning.

Adjourned - 5:18

