

MT. SHASTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mt. Shasta Police Dept. Meeting Room

303 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd.

Mt. Shasta, CA.

October 12, 2016 - Final

Call to Order - 4:05

Members present - Lorie, Jacquie, Terez, and Leslie - Representatives - Julianna

Public Comments-

Lorie said there is some interest in our committee vacancy. Julianna talked to Muriel about the catalogue/gift/memorial idea posed and Muriel does have a way in which a citizen could direct money to a committee or create a gift/memorial. Lorie suggested a follow-up card be sent to the donor. The goal would be to keep the memorial concept broad. Julianna said they are working to modify an area of the website to accommodate a gift donation option. Lorie asked that BC be kept apprised as this update to the website gets rolling.

On the last Saturday workday, Lorie had called Rod about debris pickup afterwards, and Rod had insured that safety cones on Lake Street were in place.

Minutes tabled until a quorum from the attendees can approve the Sept. 14th minutes.

Agenda Items-

1. Solar Lighting on Lake Street- Item #8 on Agenda - Lorie called electrician Mike Cheula. The City has looked into lighting options. Jacquie suggested raising the stone above the snowfall level before installing lighting. A crane will be needed to lift the stone. This might be possible Oct 27th when the 1st public art installation at Parker Plaza is placed. The art will be in place Oct. to Jan. 2017.

2. Future Project on Castle St. and renewal of tree wells - Item #9 on Agenda. Small fountain at this site is turned off due to conservation. Parker Plaza fountain is a recirculation pump. There are 4 large tree wells and a need to rehab the fountain. Lorie would like to discuss on a future agenda. The area needs a design and a plant list. Jacquie made a motion to rehab this area in April or May. Tabled until we have a larger BC group to discuss. Group noted a cut tree at the site that once was a memorial and the plaque remains. Julianna noted that there is hope a mural will go in this area in the future. This area might be included in the next contract for maintenance along with the future hanging street baskets.

Relative to this tree discussion, Jacquie said there was miscommunication about watering the newer Parker Plaza trees. They will need another year of personal watering. Terez said pruning could help the trees that are struggling. Terez noted the Blvd. street trees need pruning. Though Public Works does the watering, Terez can be involved in pruning, limbing up and care. Julianna said she will meet with Rod and draft a schedule.

3. Shopping center facelift - Item #10 on the Agenda - Feedback was shared that the plan is to renovate the parking lot, rehab the 2 tall signs, and refresh landscaping on the south end. Jacquie brought up that the parking lot planters need care. These were installed years ago as required.

4. Parker Plaza rear public parking lot -Item #11 on the Agenda - The City is assessing the lot for charging stations. Business owners downtown are assessed a tax/fee that contributes toward parking enhancements within the City. Julianna is working with them to merge ideas for parking improvements and hopes to have the design coordinate with BC's ideas. The mobile vendor program is showing some success and may attract more vendors to use this lot.

5. Future meeting schedule - Item # 12 on the Agenda - BC has taken a break typically in Dec. and Jan. The Nov. 9th meeting will be the last 2016 meeting. BC would resume Feb. 2017.

6. Hanging Baskets and Future 2017 agenda items - Item # 13 on the Agenda - At the Nov. meeting, Lorie will summarize the costs and changes recommended for a more successful hanging basket program in 2017. Lorie will research watering, fertilizing, basket size, and talk to surrounding cities that have had successful basket programs. Ideas are to pair up the baskets for more impact, and perhaps use miniature petunias. It was discussed that the Chamber may buy new banners for the light posts. BC's wants to discuss irrigation installed with tree rehabilitation.

The Library rehabilitation is not moving quickly. BC's involvement remains suspended until the Library has communicated a direction. They are currently doing site planning and possible environmental review so landscape rehab is a low priority. Lorie will send Courtney an email about BC's attitude - no BC budget money will be contributed, but BC will help with design and labor. Julianna wants the Library to submit an architectural plan inclusive of landscape.

On commercial buildings entities now must submit a detailed landscape design plan. Previously the requirements only involved a narrative of the proposed design. With conservation policies now in place, a detailed plan must be approved. Julianna will bring the current architectural and design policies to the next meeting to share with BC.

Lorie asked that Katherine Wilson attach any items to be reviewed on Nov meeting. Lorie and Terez will help take down baskets this Sunday.

Adjourn. 5:07.

