

MT. SHASTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mt. Shasta Police Dept. Meeting Room

303 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd.

Mt. Shasta CA.

Sept. 14, 2016

(Final approved by quorum of attending BC members on 11/09/2016)

1. Call to Order - 4:10

Members present - Penney, Jacquie, Lorie, Pam, Leslie. Representatives - Kathy M, Julianna, Terez absent.

Announcements - none

Public Comment -

Lorie asked Kathy about the "Come to the Park" event. Kathy reported it was great. Venezuelan food truck, ice cream, beer and wine, and the park and trails looked great. Parks and Rec. Dept. is moving forward on improving visitor use at the park and sending a message that illegal camping & smoking is not allowed. A proposed ordinance additionally proposes no nudity and no unlicensed dogs in the City park. Per Kathy the event was profitable.

Jacquie asked about the Impact Program - Kathy reported that group leaders went to 33 merchants to ask them to voluntarily stop selling alcohol to habitual drunkards. Photos are now posted at some merchants businesses as a deterrent. The program has resulted in reduced arrests and police call-outs. Citizens are encouraged to not give cash to known intoxicants. Team Shasta and Parks and Rec. Dept are joining together to endorse and support this action. There is increased monitoring at Spring Hill and other locations where transients are camping.

The library has turned off evening wi-if to reduce camping and loitering. Kathy noted that working sprinklers would also discourage campers. There are patrols for evenings and early morning hours within the city limits. Concerned citizens are encouraged to call dispatch to report any camping nests. A multi-department task force called Team Shasta will monitor any camping areas for compliance with the City and County laws. There is a concern about campfires especially as the evenings get cooler. Kathy M is a contact person for Team Shasta and there is a committee outreach to let the public know such a program exists.

Minutes - approved.

Agenda Items -

1. **Solar Lighting - Item #8 on Agenda** - Wholesale Solar does the technology but not fixtures.

Per Lorie, she is working with Terez to locate a durable fixture for the Lake Street median entry stone monument. The idea is to illuminate the rock on both sides and be downward facing. Design requirements are being considered for weather, honoring the dark sky concept, and energy efficiency. Discussion arose about other changes in this entry area of the City. The shopping center will be undergoing renovations in the future as it was recently purchased by 2 commercial developers. BC members agreed that if the entry monument is not visible enough, it should be raised to maximize effects of the proposed lighting.

2. Library - Item # 9 on Agenda - Library management staff Courtney, Cheryl, and Ms Laverty, plus BC's Lorie and Terez met at Library for a walk-through. They discussed Terez designing a plan over the winter. The front changes will not be dramatic but Terez would design a new approach along the hand rail, new hardscape, and possibly eliminate lawn area. General design should focus on low maintenance, easy group tending, a dry creek, and drought tolerant planting areas. In the shaded areas the design should have a woodland-like theme. The plan should be ready in February and Lorie said BC will help with labor and advise but no funds. Jacquie suggested not doing anything until construction is complete to avoid destruction. Construction on library renovations could be nearly 3 years out due to the approval process. There is some debate over removing all the lawn as families do enjoy the lawn areas. The library staff feedback is that the deteriorated landscape is really bothering them, hence the interest in making the interim landscape better. Terez will work on a design and we'll see how the building changes proceed.

3. Fall work dates - Item #10 on Agenda - The north triangle was cleaned up and members thought of Paul B. This area was Paul's special project where he'd hoped to lay down new landscape fabric so river rock could be installed. BC members recalled the north triangle was originally installed around 2004. Next work date is Saturday, Oct. 8th at Lake St median - 9:00. Members noted Chris Ellison and Martha Napier tend the south entrance. Lorie got Public Works to fix the light on the south entrance sign. Spring work dates will resume in April 2017.

4. Gift catalogue brainstorming Item #11 on Agenda - Lorie believes this idea needs a dedicated group or point person to manage. BC feels it should be a City managed. Juliana is working with Kathy Wilson on public art bases and suggested this idea might blend into that effort. Juliana will add this idea to the docket. The concept focuses on having pre-selected legacy gifts, memorials, stones, trees, public art, benches etc. available for private citizens to purchase toward lasting memorials. Juliana mentioned the City-wide art installation project as universal bases will soon be completed for public art installations. BC will select themes, the City will send out a RFP, (request for proposal) select pieces, and plan installations for Summer 2017. The project will showcase local artisans. The bases will be at Shastice Park, Parker Plaza, the Shopping Center, and by the National Guard Armory. More bases will be added over time and plans also include a sculpture garden. The hope is these will become tourist or photographic points of interest. Eight (8) smaller pieces will be trialed at Parker Plaza in late Oct to Dec., and if enjoyed more installations will follow. There are layers of agreements needed to complete this process - legal agreements, prevention of vandalism, maintenance, waivers by the artist etc. City council still must sign-off on the installation.

Relative to Parker Plaza's rear parking area, Juliana noted there has been only one (1) complaint to date and otherwise enthusiasm for the food truck venture currently being tested.

5) City properties map - Item #12 on Agenda - BC discussed the map (emailed to members) showing the City owned properties. Lorie mentioned the north corner of Chestnut near ACE Hardware's parking lot needs to be revived. Jacquie noted she is frequently asked about renovations for the rear Parker Plaza parking area. The area is currently being assessed by a solar specialist company for possible solar shades or panels. Juliana noted this is only one renovation being assessed for this area and the City is aware there are broken curbs, the retaining wall needs restoration, and other work to make this area presentable. BC will be drawn into the renovation plans. To date 6 parking spaces were eliminated and the older chain fence was removed near the tracks. It was determined the propane tank is on private property but perhaps owners could be persuaded to make it more attractive. Jacquie mentioned that some of the newly planted trees are struggling but they should live.

6) Future agenda items - Item #13 on Agenda - a) Kathy suggested creating something to remember Paul B. This might be a bench at the library surrounded by landscape. b) Discussion about new landscaping at the Shopping Center now that new owners plan to refurbish the complex. c) BC should evaluate hanging baskets for next year. Lorie will review successful hanging baskets - definitely need bigger 5 gal baskets, and some on auto watering, d) Parker Plaza parking lot strip for landscaping. e) discuss skipping the BC meeting in Nov.

7) New City Council members are coming

Adjourned - 5:50. Next meeting is October 12th at Police Station meeting room.