

Clean & Beautiful Committee
June 1, 2011
Approved Minutes

Committee Members

Present:

Jeff Deelstra
Pat Deelstra
Brenda Clark
Karin Alexander
Mathew Lovato
Lisa Rene Jones
Kate Duff
Janusz Wojtanowicz
Jola Wojtanowicz
Brian Blank

Absent Committee Members:

Tim Chezem
Carolyn Workman

Guests:

Sandy Silletto

Staff Members Present:

Craig Thomas
Owen Jackson
Cathie Alberico

Co-Chairman Jeff Deelstra brought the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Karin Alexander motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 2011. Matt Lovato seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

Lisa Rene Jones motioned to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2011. Pat Deelstra seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

Subcommittees updated the committee.

The **Education Subcommittee** has not met recently. They were able to get Western Garden to contribute to the “important City phone number” magnets. About 300, were printed with the Western Garden logo and they are giving them away at their store. Additional magnets will be given away at WestFest and at the National Night Out Against Crime kickoff event in August.

Urban Gardens

Sandy Silletto and Karin Alexander met very quickly before our regular meeting.

Sandy Silletto is in the process of formulating a plan, or mission for her idea of a community garden located in pocket parks, vacant lots or perhaps on Granite School District owned property. She has approached Kennedy Junior High, and they are in favor of this type of garden and would incorporate an education theme for a garden. Her vision is still a work in progress.

Jeff and Pat have visited Kate Duff's garden, S.M.O.R.G.A.S, Sunrise Meadows Organic Gardening Association. They took pictures that will be posted to the website, with Owen Jackson's assistance. The Committee donated funds for the garden, to purchase a pallet of cinder block and a large load of topsoil. The garden has been a very successful way to build community spirit and pride for Kate and her neighbors. The garden association is charging \$20.00 rent for a four-foot by eight-foot plot. With these funds it has allowed them to purchase more supplies to set up more plots. Kate told of a gardener who prepared her plot, and planted some plants, with a bit of assistance from family members then she prepared a small four-foot by four-foot plot as a contribution to the garden. Mary, the gardener mentioned, is blind and covers herself completely to protect herself from the sun, she has skin cancer. Kate reports that the owner of the mobile home park is very impressed with the work that has been accomplished and is considering donating land in the other parks they own.

Small Yearly Beautification Projects

Matt Lovato made a presentation to the Committee. He had pictures of possible projects for the committee to consider.

The roundabout at the Cultural Center needs some TLC. After some discussion with City staff members, this site may not be feasible because there are imminent plans to build a road into the Cultural Center from 3300 South. We are not sure if the roundabout will exist after the road is built.

Planter Boxes on the southwest corner of Decker Lake Blvd. and Parkway Blvd-

There are four large round planters. Staff is researching if Salt Lake County installed them, owns them, and if they have water. They need to be cleaned up and could possibly be a place to plant daylilies. Matt mentioned that Franklin Covey might be interested in sponsoring this project.

The tree-planting project was very successful. Darin Nerdin extended his thanks to the Committee members that participated at the event. He had received a grant to pay for this project, one of the aspects of getting grants is to track volunteer hours, he reported 5,300 hours were logged for this project. He also may have three to four trees available to plant this fall.

Upcoming Events

Craig passed out sign up sheets requesting volunteers for the following events: WestFest, the Committee Awards reception and the National Night Out kick off event.

The dates for **WestFest** at Centennial Park are Thursday, June 23, through Saturday, June 25, 2011. The Committee will be giving away daylilies and the phone number magnets. Craig purchased inexpensive planter boxes to decorate the stage area. Karin volunteered to plant two round planters. Pat volunteered to plant a smaller square planter. We will use some rectangular shaped boxes to show off daylilies.

The Clean & Beautiful Awards Reception held on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. We will need committee members from 5:45 to 6:30 PM for set up, the actual event and clean up. All members should plan on attending this event.

Karin suggested that we have chairs placed around the perimeter of the lobby.

The National Night Out event is held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center on Monday, August 1, 2011, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

All members should plan on attending this event. Any remaining flowers and magnets will be given away that night.

Craig reminded members to be sure to wear their Committee shirts and name badges when attending these events.

The Committee has at least four vacancies. Craig reminded us to recruit our friends and neighbors or any West Valley City resident to join the committee. We will be glad to host them at up coming meetings and inform possible members as to the mission of the Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.