

Clean and Beautiful Committee
August 14, 2014 Meeting
Approved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Misty Smith
Lisa Rene Jones
Brenda Clark
Allen Pierce
Teri-Mae Pierce
Mathew Lovato

Staff Members Present:

Cathie Alberico
Craig Thomas

Absent Members:

Karen Lang
Jody Rushton-Porter
Darrick Porter
Brian Blank, Resigned 08.14.14

Misty Smith welcomed everyone to the August 14th meeting of the Clean and Beautiful Committee, held at West Valley City Hall and brought the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Lisa Rene Jones moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2014. Matt Lovato seconded the motion. The motion was approved, all in favor.

This meeting is Misty's first meeting as Chairperson of Clean & Beautiful. The Clean & Beautiful Awards Ceremony was held the night before. Misty thanked the Committee and felt like the ceremony was successful. The award recipients were happy to be recognized.

Upcoming Events

Small Beautification Projects

August 23, 2012- Park Improvements

Lisa asked if we had purchased anything for this project. Craig responded that we have bought gift certificates at Deseret Nursery; we also have credit at Lowe's. Lisa also inquired if the parks needed to be looked at to assess what work needs to be done? Most of the parks were checked. Misty emphasized that the project doesn't have a leader, we have a date, three or more parks have been suggested, we need to confirm what three parks we are going to work at, and prioritize what needs to be done at each park. The three parks in consideration are Kings Pointe, City Park and West View Park.

Cathie Alberico has driven by West View Park, there are daylilies planted in the marquee flowerbed. Lisa drove by City Park, there are flowers planted there. Lisa also drove by Kings Pointe Park; it doesn't have a flowerbed. Tam like bushes are planted there. They need to be cleaned up; there is a hole that may need to be filled in with new shrubbery, to match.

The following members will be able to attend the service project: Lisa, Misty-for about three hours, Matt Lovato is good for about two hours and Allen and Teri-Mae Pierce. Most projects are scheduled from 9:00am. to 1:00pm. Craig Thomas suggested that we not work past noon because of the heat, for this project plan on finishing by noon.

Lisa suggested working from the west to the east side of the City. West View Park would be first, then City Park and Kings Pointe is the farthest east. The marquee sign for City Park is on 4400 West. It is very visible. The park is well used for little league baseball and football has started, also seen by patrons of the post office. Lisa reports that the park is well taken care of, she volunteered to review the status of the marquee flowerbeds.

The Committee inquired about the duties of a park caretaker. Cathie volunteered to contact the Parks department to review our ideas for the service project and learn the duties of a caretaker.

The Committee discussed the feasibility of being able to work on three parks on one day. Lisa suggested working on the Animal Shelter and the City Park marquee sign on the same day. The Committee was in agreement.

August 23, 2014, Service Project – West View Park and Kings Pointe Park, 9:00am. -Noon.

Brenda will drive by West View Park, look at marquee sign flowerbed and scout it out. Does it have water, what kind of condition is it in, does it have flowers planted now, etc.? Lisa will scout out Kings Pointe. Misty, Lisa and Matt will go to Deseret Nursery on Saturday to purchase any supplies that may be needed. Bring your own tools.

Animal Shelter Clean Up, September 20, 2014

Lisa volunteered to be team leader of Animal Shelter cleanup, and marquee sign at City Park. She has visited the site several times, looks good, and needs to be weeded. Lisa will try to spray for weeds before project. Could possibly split daylilies and transplant them. Cathie will attend with the City van and tools.

October 17, 2014, open for discussion

Retreat, September 13, 2014, UCCC, 9:00 am. to Noon.

Discuss Committee business, budget, projects. We will invite a representative from the legal department to review ethics. We typically bring a Pot Luck item to share; we end up with a nice collection of food. Staff will provide the Keurig Coffee maker and drinks.

Misty wondered if we should invite potential members to the retreat? The purpose of the retreat is to make plans for the next year and how are we going to achieve

those plans. Not sure that is appropriate for someone is just considering joining, trying to learn about our committee.

Another topic to discuss at the retreat is the viability of subcommittee and how to do projects. We should probably continue to discuss the banners. We need to decide on how to take care of 1,000 daylilies. We have a commitment from the City Council for a certain amount of money each year. Jody Rushton-Porter told Misty that City Council has agreed on a dollar amount for replacement banners. We need to get some clarification on the funding and get something in writing, to make plans.

Craig took a moment to explain the City form of government. There are two branches, administrative and legislative. The City Council and the Mayor is the legislative branch. The administration is the City Manager and Staff. The legislative board, City Council sets City Code. The administration runs the day-to-day business of the City. They set the budget; they put the wheels in motion to achieve what the Council would like to see in place. This piece has not gone to Council for approval as a budget item. Council does not approve budget, the Council makes recommendations, the City Manager approves budget. The City Manager drafts a budget for approval by the City Council; Council does not create that budget. At this moment we do not have that money.

Misty thanked Craig for that clarification. Perhaps the Committee should not count on that money for banners. She went on to ask members to make note of damaged or missing banners so we can take care of them. We have not lost a single banner on 3500 South. Shows the quality of how the banners were made. We will ask to have the banners down before the weather gets bad, by the middle of October.

Past Events Summary

Misty thought the awards ceremony was successful. The attendees were very happy to be there. We have to make a few corrections. One family did not get their gift certificate. They will be easily fixed. Next year we ask the recipients stand to be recognized. The tables may have been too close to one and other, liked having half the room. There were plenty of open seats and Lisa observed people talking to each other. Have guests sign in, to get an idea of exact attendance number. Have name tags for everyone. Matt liked the winner's name being called, along with the video. Matt missed the fact that no one from City Council was there to give a few remarks and turn the program over to the Committee. Misty asked Councilmember Buhler if he would like to say a few words, and he declined. Matt suggested someone from WVCTV to do a video, or broadcast a montage of the winning homes.

It was disappointing that the Center was not ready for us when we arrived. The microphones did not work either. Craig called our staff at City Hall and they dropped everything and came to our aid.

Subcommittee Reports

Website - Committee submits "Yard Clippings," for City Newsletter, can't always guarantee that there will be space in Newsletter, but nice to be represented in that

way. Yard Clippings can also be found on Committee webpage. Lisa Rene Jones is scheduled for October, Misty Smith for November, January, February and March are open. Subjects include any ideas or passion you may have about gardening, yard care, getting rid of crabgrass, safe bug extermination, care of lawn tools etc. Submit any ideas or pieces you may write anytime Cathie will file them to use when needed.

The subject of Subcommittees and their function should be a subject of conversation at the retreat. Do we need them, how do they function, who will chair them?

Committee Vacancies

Committee may have 15 members, 2 appointed staff and 13 members. We currently have four openings. Several award recipients expressed interest in Committee. Cathie has sent out several invitation letters and will continue to do so.

Other Business

The subject of attendance at our meetings and events was discussed. It was suggested that we discuss this at the Retreat. We meet on a regularly scheduled basis and have many activities. We need participation and the exchange of ideas help us function and grow.

Will discuss Holiday Schedule and participation in the UCCC Trees Diversity exhibit with a wreath at the retreat.

Having no other business, Misty adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.