

**Clean and Beautiful Committee
Approved Minutes
November 13, 2014**

Committee Members Present:

Brenda Clark
Gandarva Darling
Samadhi Ishaya
Lisa Rene Jones
Karen Lang
Mathew Lovato
David McEwen
Allen Pierce
Teri-Mae Pierce
Misty Smith

Absent Members:

Darrick Porter
Jody Rushton-Porter

Staff Members Present:

Cathie Alberico
Craig Thomas

Chairperson Misty Smith brought the November 13, 2014 to order at 5:35 pm. We started the meeting with introductions as we went around the table. Misty called for the approval of the minutes from October 9, 2014. Craig Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Teri Mae Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

We have one opening left on the committee, we are happy to have 3 new members. Misty encouraged the committee to invite potential members to our service projects and meetings. We have 5 members whose terms expire in June of 2015; we may need to make an earnest effort to recruit new members.

City Hall Decorating, Saturday, November 22, 2014- scheduled for 9:00am-1:00pm or until finished. Bring a snack to share. It is a fun project.

Budget Review

Misty asked Craig to gather information together on our Budget to give everyone an idea of where we are at, what we have spent, and estimate our upcoming expenses. Our biggest expenses are going to be associated with the Yard Judging and Awards Ceremony. Those expenses include: purchasing daylilies, gift certificates, refreshments and perhaps some yard signs. We need to keep the budget for the Awards in mind as we initiate new projects. We have some flexibility built in. Last year we spent \$880.00 to buy additional banners to hang as far west as Bangerter Highway. It has been purposed to take whatever budget is left over each year, to replace damaged banners. To date we have been lucky and haven't had any reports of missing or damaged banners. Samadhi Ishaya asked what our total operating budget? It is \$8,150.00 per year.

Craig is the committee treasurer; he is the one to speak to about finances. Craig brought the committee up to date about our budget. Craig will be doing a new program modification for this budget year to include \$5,000.00 to be used on

banners every single year. This was wonderful news to the committee. The budget increase was coordinated through City Council, especially Councilmember Corey Rushton. Misty would like to thank the Council; she will bring a card to the next meeting, for the committee to sign. We would like to thank them for supporting this project and committee.

We have spent a small amount of money \$100, for spray-painting the ornaments and a few minor expenses.

Misty thanked Craig for his work with our budget and finances and keeping the committee on track.

Focus Area Updates

Decorating City Hall for holiday season on November 22, 2014. The decorations that we repaired looked great, we hope they still look as good when they were put in the plastic tubs. The facilities crew assembles the large tree (20 foot) on the front porch of City Hall, and we hang the ornaments. They also hang large wreaths at each entrance. We may need to spruce up the wreaths next year. The committee also decorates the lobby.

We currently have no updates on the Awards Program. Planning will begin in early spring.

Service Projects

We have no upcoming service projects scheduled. We have a number of excellent ideas that the committee should consider.

Plant maintenance / winter prep

Concept was to return to some of the Parks that we have done improvement on in the past year to winterize some of the flowerbeds, trimming back flowers etc. Unfortunately we have run out of time to do this year. Would be worthwhile to consider scheduling earlier in the coming year.

Landscaped Triangle at the Community Preservation/Animal Shelter Building

Lisa Rene Jones, Misty and her husband Trey worked on all of the measurements. The area is 3,391 square feet. If we were to go with rock at a two-inch depth, it would require approximately 20-yards, three-inch depth-approximately 32-yards. Misty's husband, Trey Mackay works in the construction industry, recommends to err on the 20-yard amount because these calculations are based on a solid state, rock have holes in between and will get more depth because of the air gaps. We would need to get estimates. Lisa added that based on our last project with rock, the cost would be approximately \$1,450 and that would include rock, the weed mat and we usually get free delivery. Karen Lang talked to the Parks Department and they were not willing to buy off on this project, she asked if the Committee had approached anyone in Parks. At this point no one has talked to Parks, we were getting estimates to see if it would be financially able for us to do. Karen will continue working with Parks. If the committee chooses this as a service project, it wouldn't be scheduled until spring or early summer.

Corner of 4100 South and 4100 West

Craig has determined that the homeowner owns this property. With the property owner's consent we could install some gravel or decorative stone. In the long run the maintenance would be the owners responsibility. It could be a positive thing for the owners because they are held accountable for weeds and so on at that corner. The sightlines must be considered, that is why the wall is built on an angle at the corner. Someone from the Committee will need to approach the homeowner for permission to work there. Staff will research what type of permission we might need from the owner and City.

3100 South and Bangerter Highway

American Preparatory Charter School on northeast corner

Lisa has not had success with contacting UDOT; she is trying a new direction. She placed another call and had a message today, but was unable to return the call. She will continue in her efforts to contact UDOT.

Boy Scout Monument/Flag Pole, City Park

We need to research history of monument and contact Parks Department. Located in back of the CPB in terrible disrepair, eyesore and embarrassing. Options need to be studied, have boy scouts repair and restore or tear it down.

Any ideas for service project are always welcome. Email them to Cathie, or fill out a form at the meeting to go on the next meetings agenda.

WestFest/Daylilies

Care of flowers and delivery need to be discussed as early as possible in 2015. We were very lucky in past to have Jeff and Pat Deelstra accept delivery of the flowers and their care of the lilies through the Yard Awards process.

Cathie will follow up with the grower and discuss the quality of the flowers.

Community Outreach Tools

New website coming soon. C&B has a page. Yard Clippings are published on our page and also used in City newsletter if space permits. A quick one or two paragraph about gardening or helpful hints is used in various City publications. We need articles for January and February, Teri Mae signed up for March. Lisa has a cigarette butt article written, she will submit it for January. We do save the articles on our shared drive for use when needed. Misty recommended an article about getting cars off the roads to help with snowplowing and cleaning streets. This was a topic in the December City newsletter. Topics in the past have included: growing tomatoes, "presents" left behind by animals in your yard, correct timing guidelines for planting flowers in the garden and so on. Send your articles to Cathie anytime, they will be saved and used when we can, you never know when inspiration will hit.

Craig has prepared new printed material for the Committee. He shared a mock-up with the Committee. This handout can be used at public functions. It is

informational, tells about the committee, activities and our calendar of events. It will be a one-page handout, the City is moving away from the traditional brochures, and it is a single sheet. Orders will be placed soon. The handout was well accepted by the Committee.

Misty thanked everyone for coming. Please take the time between now and January's meeting to think of possible service projects, we need to start planning projects instead of waiting until a month before the project. Please come prepared to discuss projects for next year.

Craig is doubtful that our assistance will be needed in taking down the Christmas decorations in City Hall.

We have a postcard in the Winter theme to acknowledge neighbors that go out of their way to shovel extra sidewalks, or to give out to a homeowner with a nice holiday light display. It is a way to acknowledge them, and shows we noticed and appreciated their efforts.

Having no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.