

**Clean & Beautiful Meeting
Approved Minutes
May 12, 2016**

Committee Members Present:

Gandarva Darling
Samadhi Ishaya
Lisa Rene Jones
Mathew Lovato
David McEwen
Allen Pierce
Teri-Mae Pierce
Jody Rushton-Porter
Misty Smith

Excused Committee Members

Karen Lang

Guests:

Tomas & Jessica Chavez
Marsha Kimberlin
Debra McKowen
George & Lisa Ray
Rod Stallings
Janell Tafoya

Staff Members Present:

Cathie Alberico
Craig Thomas

Chairperson Matt Lovato welcomed Clean and Beautiful Committee members, and Guest Yard Judges to the Clean and Beautiful Committee regular meeting held May 12, 2016, in the multipurpose room at City Hall. The meeting was brought to order at 5:35 p.m.

Matt and Craig gave an overview to those in attendance of the process and goals of Clean and Beautiful Yard Awards.

The City is divided into **19 geographical areas**. Each area will have **four winning yards, we hope to find a least one yard that shows the use of water wise landscaping**, which may include xeriscaping- requires little or no irrigation, use of drip lines, decorative rock etc. It is recommended that you judge an area other than the one you live in. We look for neatness, cleanliness, some landscaping. Be open minded when reviewing yards, we live in a diverse community, one person's idea of beauty might not match your idea of beauty, consider using another perspective as you judge your area. Homes with obvious eyesores such as broken down vehicles, or machinery, garbage, weeds and so forth should not be considered.

The Judges packet and contents were shown to the audience. All judges will be given official City lanyards to be worn while judging. The packets include an envelope to be given to each winner, containing an invitation to the winner's reception. The reception will be held on August 27, 2016, at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center.

It also includes guidelines, instructions, and a list of past winners. We are in the process of building a database of winners from the past five years. Award a new winner in the area; also don't award a Clean and Beautiful Committee member. In addition you may have a list of nominated yards that we have received. It is totally up to your discretion as to awarding a nominated yard; there may be another yard that is more appealing to you. Lots of information is shown on the map you receive. You may result in awarding a business in your area, the focus of this program is on neighborhood homes, depending on the area you have, a local business may meet more criteria than any of the homes you have reviewed. **Please stay within the boundaries of your designated area.**

We would also like you to take **digital pictures** of the homes you award. Please avoid including children, take several pictures. The pictures are posted on line, and in publications, thus the reason for avoiding children, take the picture anyway, just know that shot won't be used. If you don't have a digital camera the Neighborhood Services office has several cameras' that we can check out to you. We are also available to assist you in downloading your pictures in our office.

When recording winners' information use legible handwriting, include all caretakers of the yard (usually two people,) and get correct contact information, including accurate addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Each award winner will receive: an **invitation** to the winner's reception, **the yard sign** and a **Daylily**, the City flower.

The final due date to return your judging results is July 28, 2016, if you finish sooner that is great.

This is an enjoyable experience for our community. Several of the committee members have also been involved in the judging process over the past four to five years. It is fun to see the reactions of the award recipients. You will be surprised how many winners will invite you to see their back yards also.

Craig thanked those in attendance for choosing to make the sacrifice to attend the meeting and to participate in the judging process. The maps in your packets are a bit small, if you have any questions at all please call our office and we will be glad to help you. It is very important to stay within the boundaries of your map. Thus ensuring an even distribution of awards across the City.

We would like to invite any of you to become members of the Clean and Beautiful Committee. Please feel free to attend one of our Committee meetings or service projects. The City has several boards and committees that are always looking for new members. The Clean and Beautiful Committee sponsored, with the help of funding from City Council the new street banners that are hung on 3500 South from I-215 west to Bangerter Highway. We attend WestFest each year. We do service projects that may include something as simple as cleaning up a local park. The Clean and Beautiful Committee decorate the large holiday tree that

can be seen on 2700 West and other holiday decorations around City Hall. Misty Smith added that it may sound like we require a huge time investment of our members, but it really isn't, the meetings are held once a month, we take July and December off. Our committee offers an excellent opportunity to get involved with and serve your community. If you would like to give back to your community, we would love to have you be a part of the Committee. If there is other areas that peak your interest please feel free to contact Craig to discuss the possibilities available here in West Valley City. There are 12 boards and committees that represent West Valley City. They range from the Sister City Committee, visiting different Sister cities around the world, to the Historical Society, which tries to bring to light our rich past here in the City.

At this time the Guest Judges were dismissed to retrieve their judging supplies.

At 6:15 p.m. Matt brought the meeting back to order to continue with regular committee business.

The first item of business is to approve minutes of March 10, 2016 and April 14, 2016. Misty Smith moved to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Samadhi Ishaya seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

Committee Elections

Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were accepted. These positions have a one-year term, starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Nominees included: David McEwen for Chairperson, for Vice Chairperson: Misty Smith, Lisa Rene Jones, Matt Lovato. David McEwen received 9 votes for Chairperson and accepted the nomination. Lisa Rene Jones received the majority of votes for Vice Chairperson, and accepted the nomination. Misty Smith made a motion to for the committee to agree with the election results; David McEwen as Chairperson and Lisa Rene Jones as Vice Chairperson, for the coming year. Allen Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

At this time anyone needing to leave was excused.

We are always looking for more members for the committee. Misty reported an acquaintance of hers, Ceola, is in the process of filling out paperwork to apply for our committee. She attended the Earth Day event and met many of our members. Samadhi told the committee that she and Gandarva will be at Snowbird starting this fall. They will not be in attendance for about six months, November through April. They would like to be involved. Misty suggested the winter months are slow; we are usually conducting planning meetings at that time. Would you be willing to call into meetings? Samadhi and Gandarva agreed, Samadhi suggested using Skype. The committee and Craig were excited about this prospect. Cathie stated that the only time a quorum is needed is on voting on financial matters. Matt said we should be flexible and thought it was a great idea.

A couple of tonight's guest judges are also interested in joining. The more the committee celebrates and shows what we are doing in a positive manner, inviting people to come to events like Earth Day, the interest is there, we are bound to gain more members.

Earth Day

Was an awesome event. There were a nice variety of vendors. Winder Dairy would like to be invited to any similar future events. Misty suggested that we thank all of the vendors that attended. During the June meeting we will prepare notes.

Projects

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The owners have signed the landscaping and access agreement. Scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016. Cathie asked Jody if she and Darrick could mow the corner. Karen Lang has purchased mint to plant. Lisa has volunteered to water. Large rocks and decorative grasses were suggested for the area. Samadhi volunteered to treat the area with nontoxic weed killer, she also suggested getting the project done, not pushing it into June. Cathie suggested that another workday would probably be necessary.

Supplies need to be purchased: grasses from Deseret Nursery-Lisa, Large Decorative Rocks-Cathie, Thank You cards-Cathie, Samadhi-weed spray. The budget is closing this Friday. Purchases need to be made by the end of the day Friday.

Craig: Keep in mind: \$875 for rock, \$125 for mint, leaves a balance or \$52.00, should be enough funds for the remaining purchases.

Lisa will not be available on the 21st, neither is Craig. We no longer have the van to haul equipment in. Please bring your favorite tools.

The Committee thanked Matt for his service this past year. You did a great job keeping us on subject and moving along.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.