

**Clean and Beautiful Committee
Approved Minutes
August 11, 2016**

Committee Members Present:

David McEwen
Lisa Rene Jones
Mathew Lovato
Misty Smith
Karen Lang

Excused Members:

Allen Pierce
Teri-Mae Pierce
Jody Rushton-Porter
Gandarva Darling
Samadhi Ishaya
Craig Thomas

Staff Members Present:

Cathie Alberico

Chairperson David McEwen brought the Clean and Beautiful Committee meeting held at West Valley City Hall on August 11, 2016 to order at 5:43 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

David called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016. Lisa Rene Jones moved to approve said minutes. Misty Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

Committee Vacancies- no changes, 10 resident volunteers and two City staff members

There was a question or suggestion for Craig, could Nextdoor be used to send a message about C&B and include an invitation to attend our meetings? Could Facebook be used?

Karen is planning to send letters to recent attendees of the City Council meeting to invite them to join Clean & Beautiful; tell them that a business will donate flowers; adopt a park; plant the flowers and weed them all summer. If all the parks are taken care of we can probably get by with one less Parks employee. With this help, it will be a contribution to help the City budget and decrease the chances of budget increases through taxes. There is no limit to the numbers of committee members.

WestFest Committee and Parade- is a non-profit organization, independent of West Valley City. In the opinion of the WestFest committee- not enough people participated or attended the parade. Next year they are thinking of doing a children's parade, and they have started distributing information. Attendance was down this year.

Christmas Parade- sponsored by the Mall, and the Chamber of Commerce, Mall didn't like the parking lot filling up with parade people instead of Black Friday shoppers.

Projects / Upcoming Dates

4100 South and 4100 West, beautification project

Samadhi and Gandarva cleaned it up and treated the weeds to a tune of six garbage bags or more. Matt took a least six bags of rock and trash to the dump. A pre-emergent was used. David and Matt hand tilled the area. Decorative grasses were planted and black mulch was laid.

Lisa is watering daily; will back off of daily watering as it cools down, weeds are not a problem. She also treated the sidewalk cracks and so on for weeds. She suggests covering the remaining area with rock.

To complete: Install weed barrier, crushed rock and beef up black mulch

Matt volunteered to get the crushed rock with his truck from Arrow Rock & Stone- it costs about \$35.00 a truck load. Committee help need to unload and spread the rock Karen commented that the crushed rock tends to stay put.

Misty Smith moved to set the completion date as Saturday, September 20, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., also to purchase any supplies including crushed rock and weed barrier to complete the project. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor. Karen volunteered to donate weed barrier.

Flag Poles

Coordinate installation and placement with City Administration, Colonial Flag and Parks & Recreation. Meeting set for Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. on Fairbourne Station, David is unable to attend, Craig and Cathie will represent the committee.

Awards and Reception

Areas 18 and 19 have not been completed. David and Cathie will finish them.

Saturday, August 27, 9:30-11:00 a.m. for guests. Committee help needed at 8:00 a.m. and clean up. Need to allot budget for refreshments and door prizes. Ideas for door prizes. (Cathie- suggestion committee to solicit door prizes, start early in the year.) David is contributing two garden themed yard stakes. Costco has contributed a gift bag. Suggestions: garden tools, gloves, wagon, bulbs, movie tickets, Hale theater tickets, Olympic Oval skating package, restaurant gift cards, a wheel barrow, yard treatments, Spa treatments.

Door prizes were donated last year. Running out of time to request donations.

Karen donated two large bags of planting soil.

Lisa moved to spend up to \$250.00 for door prizes. Misty seconded the motion.

The motion passed all in favor.

Menu: Doughnuts-Doughnut Boy suggested, doughnuts were donated last year, could cut back on coffee-expensive at least \$14.00 a box-had leftovers, small yogurts, fruit, bagels, Chick-fil-a, cut bagels and donuts in half

Lisa moved to spend up to \$250.00 for refreshments for the Yard Awards reception. Misty seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

Thoughts about awards:

Several yard winners have won in the past. Matt suggested learning best practices, it's almost like asking the prettiest girl to the dance, picked yards that were clean and neat, winners were thrilled. Some of the same houses get all of the attention. Discuss at the retreat or future meetings, keep ideas in mind to create a list. Review areas on the map that haven't won. Sometimes awards are refused. Some nominated yards were awful. A yard can be nominated year round by going to the Clean & Beautiful page on the City web site. Nominations are included in the judging packet. Give out fewer awards. David is willing to give up the daylilies also.

Misty still likes the idea of the Yard Awards, being out in the summer. Would like to consider recognizing Christmas-Holiday lighting. Suggested each member bring in three of his or her favorite displays. Open up nominations on the Facebook page? Use Nextdoor? Matt suggested going as a group to make awards. Self-nominating ok.

National Night Out Warp Up Celebration

August 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Matt supports NNO, questions need for committee to be represented there. Misty- it does support Craig. Lisa and Matt volunteered. Discuss attendance at Retreat, had talked about attending NNO parties, follow up on idea, take a plant-mums, bulbs.

Retreat

To be held on Saturday 10, 2016, at UCCC, in place of Thursday night meeting. Bring ideas for future of committee. Pot Luck has been fun. Consider doing a project after the Retreat.

Holiday Decorations / Wreath – discuss at Retreat, City Hall & Wreath

Community Outreach Tools

Yard Clippings- discuss at Retreat, rethink, lack of interest

Other Business

Winder Farms would like to be involved in City activities- Earth Day etc.
Past projects: terrible park benches-to Parks & Rec, Back Nine Park-Matt, Orchard Elementary (Karen commented conditions have improved)

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.