

MINUTES
LOMPOC BEAUTIFICATION & APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room located at City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, California.

- I. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Warren Keller
 Vice-Chairperson Susan Gallacher
 Commissioner Judith McKinnon
- STAFF: Sean O'Neil, City Staff/Urban Forestry
 Supervisor/Commission Secretary
 Diane Najera, City Staff/Office Staff Assistant III
 Michael Luther, City Staff/Public Works Director
- GUESTS: Carl & Elena Jones

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Carl Jones voiced his concerns about debris flying all over from the greenhouse removal at the old seed company on A Street, just South of Chestnut Avenue. Staff Najera said she has received similar complaints recently and has forwarded the complaints onto Code Enforcement. Mr. Jones also noted the tumble weeds all over the vacant fields as well.

Chairperson Keller asked if there is a scheduled clean-up day. Staff O'Neil replied yes, Make a Difference Day. Mrs. Elena Jones said it would be nice to schedule another one. Mr. Carl Jones elaborated that it would be neat to get some businesses involved and give certificates for the highest tonnage of garbage collected. Chairperson Keller suggested a punch card be utilized when certain locations are visited and then entered into a prize drawing. Mr. Carl Jones said he would just like to see some more people out picking up trash. Staff Najera informed everyone that a long time ago, the Beautification Commission used to have a monthly work day where they would go out and pick up trash and/or perform weed abatement. Mrs. Elena Jones said they inherited a Facebook page and litter clean-up duties from a group that used to perform the services as well but the main person moved away and handed everything over to them.

Mrs. Elena Jones inquired on the requirements to serve on the Commission. Staff Najera suggested to contact the City Clerk's office. Mr. Michael Luther noted that he believes the only criteria is that you must be a city resident.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

No Written Communications were received at this Meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Gallacher noted some debris left from the clean up on Central Avenue.

Staff O'Neil informed the Commission that the Form 700 went out and is due on April 1st.

Chairperson Keller relayed a tree trimming request onto Staff O'Neil for Daisy Street, from Barton to North Avenue. Staff O'Neil said the crew is currently in that area on Lupine.

The Commission discussed tumble weeds and mulch.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Commissioner McKinnon and a second by Commissioner Gallacher, the 2/13/19 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Set Date for Annual Field Inspection.

Thursday, April 4th at 2:00 pm, meeting at the Corporate Yard.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Work Projects.

Chairperson Keller relayed an interest from Alix & Aaron from Grocery Outlet to sponsor a small work project. Commissioner Gallacher suggest a location could be considered during the Field Inspection. Staff O'Neil relayed his concerns about resources available and maintenance requirements for new projects. Chairperson Keller suggested Grocery Outlet could sponsor a (small) clean-up or enhancement project. Staff O'Neil also noted the sensitivity about on-going maintenance projects and the City's Bargaining Unit (Union) and possible need for a letter of understanding for maintenance to be performed by volunteer work that would take work away from the City's Union workers.

Commissioner Gallacher shared comments from the community that they would love to volunteer but do not ever hear about the events.

Chairperson Keller noted the pocket park on the East side of the 100 block of South H Street, by Southern California Gas Company as a possible site for a work project consideration.

2. Annual Thank You to Utility Bill Contributors.

Staff Najera informed the Commission that forty-one post cards were mailed out on 2/20/19.

STAFF ITEMS:

Staff O'Neil informed the Commission of the possibility of not having the "Say it with Flowers" Beautification Annual Appreciation & Awards Presentation Program this year due to the associated costs of the program. Chairperson Keller and Commissioner Gallacher both expressed their displeasure and said they want to pursue donations and hopefully still have the event. City Staff noted the approximate cost of the program is \$1,000. This item was requested to be on the next Agenda with a request for a report of feasibility of raising the funds from Chairperson Keller and Commission Gallacher.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS:

Commissioner Gallacher noted she was happy to see that Beattie Park was recently mowed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Warren Keller seeing no further business noted the meeting of the Beautification & Appearance Commission adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Keller, Chairperson

Sean O'Neil, Secretary

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