



MINUTES
LOMPOC BEAUTIFICATION & APPEARANCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2020

This meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m., by Susan Gallacher, at the City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, California.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson: Susan Gallacher
Commissioner: Kristofer Clark
Commissioner: ZuZu Aceves

ABSENT: Commissioner: Judith McKinnon
Vice-Chairperson: Rosemary Holmes

CITY STAFF: Urban Forestry Supervisor/Commission Secretary: Sean O'Neil
Urban Forestry OSAIL: Kathleen Forbes

PUBLIC: Victor Vega, City Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Victor Vega, City Council Member, stated that he supports the Beautification Commission and is here for us if we need anything. He stated that he feels this Commission is reflection to the community and important to the future generations, keep up the good work.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Received a thank you letter from Alfie's Fish & Chips for clean-up done in front of their establishment. This clean-up was performed by the Board of Realtors, and not the Beautification Commission.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Received notice from Rosemary Holmes that she is moving out of the area and will be resigning as Vice-Chairperson of the Beautification & Appearance Commission.

Victor Vega, City Council Member, suggested we put the word out to the Community that the Beautification & Appearance Commission is active again, meeting and planning events.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of Minutes: On the motion by Chairperson Susan Gallacher and with a second by Commissioner ZuZu Aceves, the minutes from the March 11, 2020 Special Meeting and the April 8, 2020 cancelled Special Meeting were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Thank you notes to the utility bill contributors. Post Cards format were approved by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of events and possible community projects:

Susan Gallacher stated that since there is so much negativity out right now, she would like to go forward with a modified version of the 'Say It With Flowers' event. After a discussion the Commission agreed to rename this event, to now be the "**Spring Yard Beautification Contest**". This event will recognize those who have worked on their yards, making it more attractive. The concern with encouraging citizens to go out and purchase flowers and supplies with a 'stay at home' order in place was expressed and discussed. It was suggested that the Commission have this event with no award ceremony, with the awards being mailed or dropped off to the winners and announced in the media. Yard signs were also discussed and agreed to. A press release will be issued from the Beautification Commission announcing this event and informing the public that judging will be taking place **June 8 – 19**. Since this Commission does not want to encourage people to go out and buy flowers for this event, those present agreed that the press release should include a disclaimer reminding everyone to stay safe and to follow County Health Guidelines and social distancing.

The Beautification Commission wanted to continue this event in order to have Lompoc look better and to encourage pride in the community. There will be new categories, different from what was used with the 'Say It With Flowers' event. Some of these categories will include: businesses, hotels, churches, apartments, HOA entrances, etc. Susan suggested that the Commissioners take a different section of town in order to expatiate the judging process. Zuzu Aceves will look at the south side of town, Kris Clark has agreed to review the middle section of town and Susan Gallacher will review the North, including the Purisima Highlands area. It was also agreed, after discussion, to keep the contest within the city limits. They will then meet at a Special Meeting scheduled for June 22nd to discuss their selections, with the winners being announced on **June 23rd**.

2. Susan expressed an interest that the Beautification Commission institute a "Pop Out" award to randomly recognize wonderful yards with a gift card.
3. The Commission would like to plan their next meeting on, or around Thursday, June 11th, depending on the availability of the Council Chambers. The Commission would also like to plan a special meeting on, or around Monday, June 22nd, to discuss the contest judging and to announce the winners on June 23rd.
4. It was agreed by the Commission that, due to the COVID-19 and the need to keep the size of group gathering to ten or less, other community projects will be tabled until a future meeting. Add to next month's agenda to discuss a possible future project.

STAFF ITEMS:

No staff items at this meeting.

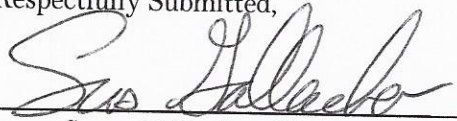
COMMISSIONER REQUESTS:

1. Name tags were suggested and requested by the Commissioners. With everyone wearing masks now, it's hard for the public to know who we are, so we need to identify ourselves as someone credible.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Susan Gallacher made the motion to adjourn of the Beautification & Appearance Commission, Zuzu Aceves seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Gallacher, Chairperson



Sean O'Neil, Secretary