

MINUTES
GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 3:35 p.m. Members present: Moore, Hines, Lopes, and Trant. Absent: Johnson. Staff member present: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MINUTES - The Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2011. Trant approved and Lopes seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE: Moore inquired of Parks and Recreation Director Jeffrey Boyce about the possibility of the Beautification Committee recovering the decorative rocks on A Street when the area is torn apart for the new freeway entrance and overpass. There was a consensus amongst the members that we would like to do this. We will then discuss and decide where to relocate the rocks. There is no date for the removal. Moore asked Boyce to notify her when the projected date is.

Old Correspondence: The ATM window cleaning project was again discussed. There was inquiry into the other windows and blight in the shopping center. Moore explained to the members that this was the property owner's responsibility and that they should be notified of the blight.

Hines will inquire with City Clerk Aguirre regarding who to contact regarding the shopping center if requests are not being addressed. Hines will also inquire with Aguirre regarding what the "Quarterly Report" refers to on the meeting minutes form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moore discussed the planters' project. She reports the new business located where the old Galt Frostie is located are not interested in planting in the pots in front of the business. She reports the planters were removed due to inconsistency with planting and care.

Moore updated the members with all the efforts going into the beautiful roses being planted in honor of Galt's loved ones at the Post Office. She shared a photo from the recent Galt Herald showing a volunteer assisting with the planting. She brought some metal tags which she had obtained from the Galt High metal shop for placing the honoree names on. She asked for consensus and input with the idea of the tags and the color if we chose to go with the tags. She stated she would be meeting with the metal shop instructor the following day and get back with us regarding her findings and conveying the committees suggestions.

Moore also brought some on-line research information and photos of reflection benches and informational signage for the area on the north/west corner of the Post Office with the new rose plantings. She inquired as to the committee members thoughts on these ideas and a discussion ensued. No decisions regarding this more permanent adornment was made at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage sale signs - Update Report – no updates to discuss

Bed of Roses Project – Update Report – please note above for new updates regarding the bed of roses project

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Adopt a Street Program – Update Report – no updates to discuss

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopes – was frustrated with the lack of response with the owners of a trailer that has been parked and stored intermittently on her street – member Trant made a call right then and there to report the trailer for member Lopes. Lopes had also been concerned over an old dilapidated building (the old jail?) of which Moore reports has been torn down.

Committee Member Johnson – was absent at this meeting.

Committee Member Hines – inquired as to the new business at the old BBQ place – Mixed Fusion – member Moore had been there and shared the menu with the group. Hines reported on the cleaned up dry Creek Golf course signage which can be seen by the north bound Hwy. 99 traffic coming into Galt. She updated the group on the most recent WalMart status as reported per the WalMart coalition. She updated the group on her issues with the motorcycles and ATV's behind her house on the rail road tracks. And a general discussion of the graffiti status about town was discussed.

Committee Member Trant – inquired about the planter in front of the bakery. There was discussion as the validity of the business and whether they would be remaining open. There was no final decision regarding this planter.

Chairman Moore – Assisted the members with filling out the required Form 700 due the 28th of March. Those of us that brought ours were able to turn them in this afternoon before leaving. Thanks Evelyn. Moore also stated she would follow up regarding placing an educational notification in the April Galt newsletter regarding the various businesses about town having their shopping carts strewn about off site property.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on April 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hines
Galt Beautification Committee Member