



**CITY OF GALT
GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, September 15, 2011, 3:30 P.M.
City Hall Community Room, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Lopes at 3:30 p.m. Members present: Hines, Johnson, Lopes, Trant - Absent: Moore. Staff member present: Aguire.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2011 - Trant approved and Johnson seconded. Trant made comment regarding post office request not to access property after hours by stating the members had been asked not to access the property during all hours.

CORRESPONDENCE: Member Hines shared a letter forwarded from Chair Moore from Donna Mann discussing the roses and an experience she had visiting the McFarland Ranch. Staff member Aguire shared a letter regarding the award for Community of Character Coalition awarded to Harold and Escaine Brown. There will be a presentation of the certificate to the Browns at the October Festival. Hines shared an email trail from Chair Moore discussing removal of garage sale signs. Acquire reiterated that the process of bringing the signs with locations of the sale is still in place. Due to cuts with staffing the process of tracking and distributing letters to offenders is done less frequently but is still being done.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Home-of-the-Month** project was discussed. Hines shared the Home-of-the-Month photo and write-up from the Galt Herald for the September home. She thanked the Lopes for their assistance with this. The October home located on Wagon and C Street had been voted on/approved at a previous meeting and will be processed by member Johnson. The committee agreed unanimously to carry the program through the month of November and resume in May. Member Moore with area one will be for November. Vice Chair Lopes will notify Moore of this plan so she can plan and present her home to the members at the October meeting. Hines in area two will be assigned the month of May. The process will be discussed next year at March's meeting – once the choice is decided on by the members the area members will precede with the presentation process as outlined – notifying the City, notifying the homeowners, presenting to the homeowners with photo and providing a photo and narrative of the home to the Galt Herald.

There was discussion regarding the current status of the roses at the post office – staff member Aguire has spoken with the post master who assured Aguire that the roses were being tended to. Aguire also spoke with the Galt librarian and received approval to use the library area for future planting. An option was discussed regarding relocating the current roses at the post office to the library location – pros and cons were discussed and the decision was made to table the final decision. Aguire will have the subject placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Lopes discussed the subject of abandoned shopping carts – she shared a possible “hot-line” that is available for community members to call regarding the carts. It was requested that the number be

placed on the committee's informational flyer. Aguire will follow up with the availability of the number and will place on the flyer if verified.

The members expressed a desire to have a "meet and greet" with the council members. Aguire will notify the council members of this interest and contact the council members for availability – probably two at a time. If available, two members will be invited to the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage sale signs - Update Report – please note the above comments regarding the garage sale signs and the process for notification to the home owners.

Bed of Roses Project – Update Report – See above comments regarding the discussion about the roses.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopes – nothing to report

Committee Member Johnson – nothing to report

Committee Member Hines – nothing to report

Committee Member Trant – nothing to report

Chairman Moore – Absent

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on October 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hines
Galt Beautification Committee

GALT POLICE DEPARTMENT

“A Commitment to Service”

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE AN ABANDONED SHOPPING CART IN GALT? By Chief William V. Bowen



The Galt Police Department serves the community in many ways. Not only do we enforce laws and respond to calls for service, but we also work hard to insure that quality of life issues in our community are addressed.

One of the more recent issues that has surfaced, is the visual blight caused by abandoned shopping carts. We take great pride in our City and like you, we want Galt to remain a beautiful and vibrant place to live, work, and shop.

If you see an abandoned shopping cart in Galt, please help us by doing the following:

- If the cart belongs to CVS Pharmacy, Raley's, or SaveMart, please **call the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation's 24 hours a day/7 days a week hotline at 1-800-252-4613**. CSCRC contracts with these businesses to help them recover their shopping carts.
- If the cart belongs to another business, please call and business and alert the store manager of the location of their cart.
- If the cart has neither a store name nor a phone number, which is rare, call the Galt Police Department's Crime Prevention Coordinator at 209-366-7021 to report its location.