

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL 101 N. HALAGUENO ROOM 204
(PLANNING ROOM) 11:00 APRIL 21, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Garwood, Dave Gillan, Robert Garcia, Larry Henderson, Dan Main, Richard Aguilar, Suzanne Hathon, & Eve Flanigan

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 AM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry Henderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Gillen seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Larry Henderson, Dave Gillen, Robert Garcia, Dan Main, Eve Flanigan, Richard Aguilar, & Suzanne Hathon

No- None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2016:

Larry Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 17, 2016. Richard Aguilar seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Larry Henderson, Richard Aguilar, Dave Gillan, Robert Garcia, Dan Main, Eve Flanigan, & Suzanne Hathon

No- None

3. LABYRINTH UPDATE- Mary Garwood reported that as far as she has been told by Jason Burns (City Projects Manager) and Director Steve Hendley that even with the budget cuts the City of Carlsbad is making, as of today it was still a go. Mary explained that if the project passes through budget and gets approved, that it wouldn't begin until later this year at best.

4. COUNTY ORDINANCES RE. VEGETATION & TOXIC FLUIDS DUMPING- Dave Gillen asked Eddy County Code Enforcement Officer Suzanne Hathon to further explain the changes to these ordinances Eddy County Commissioners recently approved at their April 5, 2016 Commissioners Meeting. Suzanne stated that she is pleased with the approvals and they will enable their department to begin the process of correcting sewage waste disposal issues and report to the New Mexico Environment Department within a certain timeframe if the issues are not corrected. She explained also that the vegetation ordinance was cleared up by deleting unnecessary weed definitions and is now all inclusive for vegetation.

5. BATAAN BRIDGE PAINTING-Dave Gillen requested a follow up on the bridge and getting it painted. Mary Garwood stated that the last she had heard was City Councilman Jason Shirley was working with the Warden at the Eddy County Detention Center to get the painting completed. Mary will follow up with Mr. Shirley.

6. PRIVATE PROPERTY JUNK ACCUMULATION RESTRICTIONS - Dave Gillen presented the committee with pictures of a residence in Carlsbad that has an over-accumulation of objects on

its porches and crossing into the sidewalks. Code Enforcement Supervisor Robert Garcia says he will check into this and see what he can do.

7. ANTI DRUG/GANG COALITION- Eve reports that the meeting with the City went well in regards to the soda-blasting graffiti removal. She also reminded the committee about the upcoming drug take-back event at the Household Hazardous Waste Day event on April 30, 2016.

8. MAINSTREET- MainStreet representative was not present for a report.

9. CODE ENFORCEMENT- Larry Henderson reported an address he would like code enforcement to follow up on.

10. RECYCLING- Richard Aguilar reminded the committee about the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste event on April 30, 2016.

11. COMMUNITY CONCERNS UPDATE-Mary Garwood reported that the City of Carlsbad is proposing a bag your trash ordinance in line with the recent solid waste changes and that Jim Grantner, a Board of Solid Waste Commissioner, suggested that Keep Carlsbad Beautiful work on a "Bag Your Trash" campaign. The committee agreed that it would be helpful. Mary also invited the committee to the Board of Solid Waste meetings so they may obtain a clearer picture to what the changes are and the basis for them. Larry Henderson reminded the group of the Earth Day event at the Living Desert and a few other happenings coming up soon.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Larry Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Eve Flanigan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.

Signed: Mary Garwood

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