

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM-101 N. HALAGUENO
11:00AM
July 19, 2018**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Garwood, Jerry Stanley, Denton McCullough, William Harriman, Karla Hamel, Shannon Carr, Victoria Griego, Linda Dodd, Rick Wiedenmann, Michele Robertson, Steve McCroskey, Joana Wells, Ron Myers, and Dailey Jones

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:02 AM

1. Approval of Agenda:

Jerry Stanley made a motion to approve the agenda. Denton McCullough seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Jerry Stanley, Denton McCullough, William Harriman, Karla Hamel, Shannon Carr, Victoria Griego, Linda Dodd, Rick Wiedenmann, Michele Robertson, Steve McCroskey, Joana Wells, Ron Myers, and Dailey Jones

No- None

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting held June 21, 2018:

Denton McCullough made a motion to approve the June 21, 2018 minutes. Jerry Stanley seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- No- None Jerry Stanley, Denton McCullough, William Harriman, Karla Hamel, Shannon Carr, Victoria Griego, Linda Dodd, Rick Wiedenmann, Michele Robertson, Steve McCroskey, Joana Wells, Ron Myers, and Dailey Jones

No-None

3. Vote on August 2018 Business of the Month:

Shannon Carr made the nomination to award Bennie's Western Wear August 2018 Business of the Month with a special recognition as well for CARC, INC Plant Rentals Service as they take care of the planters in front of Bennie's. Karla Hamel seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Jerry Stanley, Denton McCullough, William Harriman, Karla Hamel, Shannon Carr, Victoria Griego, Linda Dodd, Rick Wiedenmann, Michele Robertson, Steve McCroskey, Joana Wells, Ron Myers, and Dailey Jones

No- None

4. Greene Street Bridge Painting Possibility/Carlsbad Entryways:

Director of Utilities Ron Myers reported that he will be in contact with the local DOT representative to have an answer about this before next month's committee meeting about the best way to proceed in getting the bridge painted properly. The City of Carlsbad is willing to provide the paint and will work with whoever is willing to put forth the effort to get it painted.

5. Discussion of plastic bags in Carlsbad & ways for handling them in our community:

Mary Garwood explained to the committee that this issue is coming up more frequently across the country and that beautification committee member Denton McCullough asked that it be placed on the agenda for this month. Denton McCullough explained to the committee that he feels, like many others, that he would like to see them be banned from use in Carlsbad, or taxed for their use. The committee agreed that they are a troublesome litter issue and something needs to be done about them. William Harriman presented the group with the program "Bags to Benches" in which local

municipalities, such as Las Cruces, collect plastic bags and in turn send them in for recycled benches to place in public spaces. He explained how recyclable the plastic bag is and how it can be reused immeasurable times just like aluminum cans. Michele Robertson explained that the girl scout troop members that she leads is very willing to get involved in a campaign to ban the plastic bag and said that she feels community groups could support this effort by way of handing out reusable bags as giveaways instead of other trinkets. The committee discussed either a campaign to educate store managers and owners in reducing their use of plastic bags, charging a small fee, or banning them altogether by way of an official city ordinance. Mary Garwood explained that Santa Fe has banned them in the past few years and would reach out to someone from there to present to the Beautification committee. The committee also agreed to collect pictures of plastic bag litter to show how widespread the problem is. The plastic bags topic will be on the Beautification committee agenda next month as well.

6. Adjournment

Karla Hamel made the motion to adjourn. Victoria Griego seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:09PM.

Signed: _____
Mary Garwood-City of Carlsbad Solid Waste Dept. /Beautification Chair