

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM-101 N. HALAGUENO
11:00AM
April 18, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Garwood, Veronica Barnhart, Denton McCullough, Trysha Carrasco, Victoria Griego, Donald Cordova, Dailey Jones, Steve West, Emily Wirth, Larry Henderson, and Joana Wells

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:06AM

1. Approval of Agenda:

Denton McCullough made a motion to approve the agenda. Victoria Griego seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Veronica Barnhart, Denton McCullough, Trysha Carrasco, Victoria Griego, Donald Cordova, Dailey Jones, Steve West, Emily Wirth, Larry Henderson, and Joana Wells
No- None

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes– Regular Meeting held March 21, 2019:

Denton McCullough made a motion to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes. Veronica Barnhart seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes- Veronica Barnhart, Denton McCullough, Trysha Carrasco, Victoria Griego, Donald Cordova, Dailey Jones, Steve West, Emily Wirth, Larry Henderson, and Joana Wells
No-None

3. Vote on May 2019 Business of the Month:

Trysha Carrasco made the motion to award the Skeen Whitlock Building the May 2019 Beautification Business of the Month award. Veronica Barnhart seconded. The vote was as follows: Yes-Veronica Barnhart, Denton McCullough, Trysha Carrasco, Victoria Griego, Donald Cordova, Dailey Jones, Steve West, Emily Wirth, Larry Henderson, and Joana Wells
No- None

4. Greene Street Bridge/United Way Day of Caring Painting Project Event (April 26, 2019) Update:

Mary Garwood reported that the Lowe's team is still on board with donating and helping paint the Greene Street Bridge and 10 volunteers from NWP have signed up under United Way to help in the event as well.

5. Plastic Bags Sub-Committee Report:

Mary Garwood reported that local businessman/former NMDOT representative Dave Sepich and Environmental Professor Steve West has expressed interest in joining the Plastic Bag Ordinance sub-committee for developing the single-use plastic bag ordinance. Trysha Carrasco reported that the City of Albuquerque just passed an ordinance to ban the plastic bag there.

6. Discussion of Litter Cleanup Partnership:

Mary Garwood briefly covered Dave Sepich’s idea of forming a partnership between NMDOT, Eddy County, and the City of Carlsbad for cleanup funds of littered roads. Since Dave Sepich was unable to attend the meeting, this topic will be added on next month’s agenda for his further presentation to the committee.

7. MainStreet Update:

Mary Garwood reported that the Carlsbad Downtown CavernFest event will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 this year and that the MainStreet Board has been meeting weekly now to work on the event.

8. The Coalition Update:

Joana Wells handed out the April 2019 Coalition Connection newsletter to the members in attendance and covered some of the results of their most recent survey of students in the Carlsbad Municipal School system in regards to drugs and alcohol use. She stated that with the influx of people in the Carlsbad area and that teenagers are having more house parties than in the past as the outer areas “The boonies & river areas” are more crowded. Joana stated it is difficult to locate the house parties, but the Coalition is working to remind the community that adults who serve alcohol to minors can face 4th degree felony charges. She promoted the Rx Takeback event that will be held on April 20, 2019 in conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Carlsbad Beach.

9. Code Enforcement Update:

Trysha Carrasco reported that their department has come across some funding to work on condemnations around town. She also reported that weed blitzes will be coming soon for their department and for residents to be on the lookout for that. Eddy County Code Enforcement Officer Donald Cordova reported that he is seeing many RVs illegally dumping sewage in unauthorized locations in the county, including directly in or on the ground in many circumstances. He encouraged the meeting attendees to let him know if they have any Eddy County concerns and to help spread the word for proper sewage disposal. Mary Garwood reminded the group of the Household Hazardous Waste event on April 20, 2019 and a Hobbs Highway Cleanup on April 27, 2019.

10. Adjournment:

Victoria Griego made the motion to adjourn. Denton McCullough seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:24PM.

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