

MINUTES
GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 3:35 p.m. Members present: Moore, Hines, Johnson, Lopes. Absent: McDonnell, Trant. Staff member present: Deputy City Clerk Cory. Cory stated that Trant was absent due to her hip replacement surgery.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

NEW BUSINESS

Beautification Committee Procedural Changes - City Clerk Aguire reviewed the changes within the City government which included changes in office hours and furlough days. These were due to the City budget concerns. She also announced that Cory would be retiring and that would take place on June 29th. Aguire said the City was implementing a 9/80 plan and government offices would be closed to the public every Friday. She indicated that Cory's position would be frozen so the City Clerk's office staff would be down to two. Aguire said the committee would need to select a secretary to take minutes. The City Clerk's office would still prepare and distribute the agenda for the committee. Cory indicated that Hines had been selected as secretary at the last election of officers. Aguire indicated that the new public hours would be 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Moore said they had been considering sending committee concerns to Aguire once a month. Aguire said that was a good idea and suggested doing it via e-mail.

Moore asked about disposing of the old paint cans at the HHW event being held on April 17th. None of the members were available to bring the paint to the event. Cory said she would check to see if City staff could drop it off for them.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage cans and garage sale signs - Update Report - Moore suggest that since the committee no longer tagged garbage cans that this be removed from the agenda. Lopes said she had observed cans out when they should not have been. Moore suggested that if any of the committee observed public nuisances, they should report them to the code enforcement officer or call the graffiti hotline if they thought it was an issue for the police department. The committee discussed the article on a youth group (the Young Marines) that was volunteering to do community service. Johnson said the Boy Scouts were also involved in community services. A local gentleman was seriously ill and unable to care for his yard and the committee wanted to arrange for someone to help him such as the Boy Scouts or Young Marine. Moore said it was important to get the gentleman's permission before they made any contact with the youth groups.

Bed of Roses Project – Update Report - Johnson said they were doing very well at the post office. She planned to fertilize them but worried about the post office doing it also. It was suggested that she speak with the post master before doing it. Moore said that they needed to re-do the planters on Lincoln Way and thought it was important to get it done before the Eggstravaganza event. Johnson asked about the amount that should be spent on each planter and she had two that she would take care of. Moore said about \$15.

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Adopt a Street Program – Update Report - Johnson asked about stationary for the letters she was preparing for the volunteers in the program. Cory suggested that Johnson could e-mail the letters to her and she would complete the preparation. Moore asked if the thank you letter had been sent to Mr. Walters regarding his work to remove garage sale signs. Cory said yes. Johnson asked if she should also take the letter to the newspaper for the Letters to the Editor column. Moore said to take it to Rachael at the newspaper.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopes - none.

Committee Member Johnson - None

Committee Member McDonnell –absent.

Committee Member Hines - none.

Alternate Committee Member Trant - absent.

Chairman Moore - none.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on April 15, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Galt Beautification Committee