

MINUTES
GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 3:30 p.m. Members present: Moore, Hines, Johnson, Lopes, and Trant. Absent: none. Staff member present: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MINUTES:

The Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 2011. Lopes approved and Johnson seconded

CORRESPONDENCE: Moore shared a letter which she received from Donna Ehrhardt Mann. Ms. Mann is a descendant of some of Galt's original citizens. Her family ties can be traced back to the McFarland's of Galt. She shared some history of the City. She included some photos of her and her family which was passed around for the committee members to see. The letter was read out loud for everyone. Ms. Mann donated a check for the rose bush project in recognition of her family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moore shared with the group a fun day she, Johnson and Lopes had a few weeks back. They met for lunch at Denny's and then made their way over to the B of A ATM in the shopping strip. The shop windows surrounding the ATM machine were dusty and dirty. There were numerous old papers and outdated advertisements taped to the window. They cleaned it up. The members laughed as they recalled the responses from some of Galt's citizens as they stopped by to comment and encourage the ladies with their cleaning. Good Job Ladies! Galt thanks you!

Moore shared with the group her efforts with abandoned shopping carts. She sent a letter off to the Chief of Police. She is awaiting some follow up and direction.

The city recently performed a Quality of Life sweep – looking for municipal code violations. Member Trant shared that she herself was sought out for some storage and weed issues on the side of her house. Trant stated she had the officer write her a “ticket” for her violation so she could show her son (whose storage issue it was) that the city is serious. We all got a good laugh out of this as Trant is an impeccable citizen.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage sale signs - Update Report – no updates to discuss

Bed of Roses Project – Update Report – Moore shared the article in the Galt Herald regarding the Memorial Rose project. There has been a lot of interest and Moore states she has individual interest and donations already in her possession. There is ongoing discussion with the current postmaster regarding how to proceed with the project. There was discussion on what type and where to buy the roses – Moore will update the committee with ongoing plans.

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

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Member Moore stressed the importance and encouraged all the members to share with the group their concerns, observations, activities as they relate to the beautification of Galt on an ongoing basis. She suggested keeping a log or journal

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopes – Concerned with a trailer parked near her home on the street – she inquired the best format to report the trailer

Committee Member Johnson – lunch at Denny’s and window cleaning

Committee Member Hines – shared the flyer for the Community workshop for designing Central Galt – the date has passed but there is a contact number and/or web site for input, arsenic in the Galt water still, inquired as to whether the increase in the City of Galt bill was passed, shared that the Committee on Aging is still looking for a member. Hines also shared her quest to stop the ATV/MC/4x4 trucks riding and driving on the RR spur behind her house. She is working with Galt PD on this. Reported increased graffiti activity on Carillion.

Committee Member Trant – spoke regarding the meeting she accompanied Chairman Moore with to visit “Bill” the post master to discuss the Rose project, organizing a planter for the new bakery, brochures at the library regarding the committee

Chairman Moore – See above regarding Rose project, shopping carts

A finance report was included in the meeting packet and discussed

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 November 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hines

Galt Beautification Committee Member