



**CITY OF GALT  
GALT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 20, 2011, 3:30 P.M.  
City Hall Community Room, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 3:30 p.m. Members present: Moore, Hines, Johnson (late), Lopes, and Trant (late). Absent: none. Staff member present: Liz Aguire – City Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The committee had a guest – Chief of Police for the City of Galt – William Bowen. There were introductions amongst the members with the Chief. The committee was briefed on “community policing”. Chief Bowen also informed the members of the soon-to-be-released/go live “Tip 4-1-1” program. The members were impressed and excited about the use of technology to keep the citizens of Galt informed and up-to-date using real time with technology. Chief Bowen opened the discussion to the members to voice any concerns and offer comments and suggestions.

**MINUTES:**

The Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2011. Lopes approved and Trant seconded

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairperson Moore shared a letter that was initially sent to Rusty Hughes – Code Enforcement Officer – who then forwarded to the committee members requesting assistance. The email from the citizen was regarding their concerns with the posting of garage sale and other advertisement signs specifically at the corner of Carillion and Simmerhorn. It was the citizens concerns that not only were the signs unsightly but they obscured the driver’s vision when navigating in that area. Members reported that the signs have since been removed.

Moore shared an email letter from Rachel Ackerman of the Galt Herald requesting monetary assistance with a fund raiser for high school students to attend a trip to Washington DC. There was discussion about the committee members contributing individually but no final decision was made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Home-of-the-Month:** Moore shared a nicely presented story board of the three homes in her area (area one) that she had been asked to present for the month of November. Lopes, Trant, and Hines majority voted on a home and Moore states she will be contacting the owners and initiating the process for the November Home-of-the-Month. The address is 1191 Linda Marie Court, Galt, CA.

Member Johnson updated the members with where she was with the process for the October Home-of-the-Month presentation. Johnson is meeting with the owners the following day to present the certificate, sign, and submit to the Galt Herald.

Chairman Moore suggested a “Meadow View” home be chosen by member Trant for the month of November – a consensus could not be met so a decision was not made at this time.

**Rose Garden Recognition Project:** City Clerk Acquire was recognized for her follow-through and discussion with the post master. The members agreed the rose bushes at the post office were looking much better than in the past. The members unanimously agreed that the current roses were okay to stay where they are but that another location for the ongoing rose recognition project was the plan. The librarian at the Galt Library has been approached. City Clerk Aguire states the librarian is very pleased and excited that the committee is considering the library as a new location for the planting of roses as remembrance for their loved ones. Chairperson Moore has agreed to write up and bullet point the process for the rose recognition program so other members can assist with the organization and presentation of the new location. There was a reminder to the members that we are not to be on the post office property caring for the roses as there is liability.

City Clerk Aguire reminded the members that they must submit a request to the committee for monies they are in need of before they make the purchases for the beautification of Galt.

**Community of Character:** City Clerk Aguire shared information/clarification/confirmation of the committee members voting on the Coalition of Character for Harold and Esqaine Brown with Twice as Nice. The Brown’s contribute to our community of Galt and were deserving of this recognition.

Chairperson Moore was recognized and congratulated for her nomination and award this month for the Coalition of Character. Great Job Evelyn!

**Adopt-A-Planter:** The decision was made not to move the pot in front of the bakery for the time being. A member was going to ask the owner of the bakery to water the pot and the suggestion was made to recognize the bakery as a participant of the Adopt-A-Planter program in Galt. There was discussion about what to do with the pot across the street where the book store has reportedly vacated. There was not a decision made at this meeting. City Clerk Aguire was going to find out the name of the “old book store” located there.

Member Lopes requested monies from the committee fund to purchase plants to place in three pots to include outside the Women’s Center and at the SMUD park location. There was a motion to authorize \$25.00 to Lopes for the purchase of the plants – Hines moved – Trant seconded the approval of the monies from the fund. Johnson volunteered to assist with the planting and care of the flowers. Lopes and Johnson will discuss the arrangements at a later date.

**Committee Brochure:** City Clerk Aguire inquired as to where in the brochure the members would like to see the abandoned cart information. There is an area towards the end of the brochure that appeared to be the most likely location for the addition.

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, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hines  
Galt Beautification Committee