



BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room 1
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Doris Yarwood, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL – Edmund Ramirez, Acting Executive Secretary

Members Present: Mary Arias, Kay Gomez, Jeannie Hale, Jacqueline Martinez, Annette Ramirez Juliet Ray, Eileen Ridge, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Debra Cabrera, A.J. Hayes, Jeanette Lizarraga, Lupe Placencia,

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem William K. Rounds

Staff: Edmund Ramirez, Acting Executive Secretary
Eric Ey, Interim Executive Secretary (Excused)

Guests: None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Nothing to report

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DORIS YARWOOD, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made by Charlotte Zevallos, and seconded by Kay Gomez, to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT –MAYOR PRO TEM WILLIAM K. ROUNDS

- Mayor Pro Tem Rounds attended the I-5 Consortium in Norwalk. The Florence Avenue Bridge completion is scheduled for February or March of 2020. Currently all efforts are being focused on the Valley View Bridge due to delays caused by rain. The bridge will have three lanes each way extending down Florence and ending at Pioneer Boulevard. The south side of Florence will have sidewalks added. The signal at Ringwood will remain. The 5 South will have additional lanes opened leading out to Orange County.

- The City is aware of the growing numbers of homeless entering Santa Fe Springs. This is due to encampments being cleared out in other areas and disbursing the homeless. The City is working on ways to help those in need and keep the residents needs and concerns met.
- Fiestas Patrias was held on Friday, September 13th in the Town Center Plaza. It was a great event and attendance was high. The food trucks were very popular. Members suggested that more seating be available.
- The City Hall parking lot will be renovated soon.
- A Town Center Plaza renovation is being discussed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Rounds was asked about the Sonic Burger progress. Everything is moving forward. The area is currently being used as a batch plant for the resurfacing of Greenstone Avenue. Once that is completed Sonic will have full access to the site and be able to move forward.
- The hotel project is moving forward.
- Concerns about fast moving traffic during school drop off and pick up times were brought to the attention of Mayor Pro Tem Rounds. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds will take these concerns to Dino Torres, Director of Police Services and will request increased police presence during drop off and pick up times at all the schools.
- Doris Yarwood asked for an update on the crumbling concrete barrier on Florence Avenue. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds informed her that he visited the site and since it is on private property there is nothing the City can do.
- The renovation of the old Holiday site was delayed due to asbestos.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – EDMUND RAMIREZ

- Resignation of Parks and Recreation Manager Adam Matsumoto** – Mr. Ramirez introduced himself to the Committee and informed them that Mr. Matsumoto resigned from Santa Fe Springs to take a position as Parks and Recreation Director for Temple City. Mr. Ramirez explained that Eric Ey will be Interim Executive Secretary once he returns from vacation as he is the Acting Parks and Recreation Supervisor in Michelle Smiths absence. During the recruitment to fill the vacated Parks and Recreation Manager position, Mr. Ramirez will manage the duties of Parks & Recreation Manager as well as his current duties as Family and Human Services Manager. Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division Director will be overseeing the Clarke Estate and Heritage Park as well as the Heritage Arts Committee. .
- Appfels Tour Update** – Appfels offers tours Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The tour will be tentatively scheduled for the next meeting date of October 23rd at 10:30 a.m. immediately following the meeting. Mr. Ramirez will contact transportation and inform the members once confirmed.
- H & H Nursery Update** – Information will be shared at the October meeting.

7. *OFFICER ELECTIONS – EDMUND RAMIREZ

- a. Nomination and Election of Chairperson for 2019-2020 – Vice-Chairperson Yarwood opened the floor to nominate members for the Chairperson position. Members verbally made nominations for the position of Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Yarwood closed the floor for nominations. The following member was nominated and accepted: Eileen Ridge. Ballots were handed out and collected. Eileen Ridge was unanimously voted in as 2019-2020 Beautification Chairperson.
 - b. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2019-2020 – Vice-Chairperson Yarwood opened the floor to nominate members for the Vice-Chairperson position. Members verbally made nominations for the position of Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Yarwood closed the floor for nominations. The following member was nominated and accepted: Doris Yarwood. Ballots were handed out and collected. Doris Yarwood was unanimously voted in as 2019-2020 Beautification Vice-Chairperson.
 - c. **Nominations and Election of Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Liaison for 2019-2020** – Vice-Chairperson Yarwood opened the floor for Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Liaison nominations. Vice-Chairperson Yarwood closed the floor for nominations. The following members were nominated and declined or withdrew: Charlotte Zevallos and Annette Ramirez. The following member was nominated and accepted: Eileen Ridge. Ballots were handed out and collected. Eileen Ridge was voted in as 2019- 2020 Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Liaison.
8. OLD BUSINESS – ED RAMIREZ
Nothing to Report
 9. NEW BUSINESS – ED RAMIREZ
Nothing to Report
 10. COMMITTEE PROJECTS FOR 2019 – ED RAMIREZ, ACTING EXCECUTIVE SECRETARY
 - a. Home Decorating Contest - Friday, December 13, 2019 tour date – The 2019 Home Decorating Contest will be on Friday, December 13th.
 11. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT –Jacqueline Martinez gave the following information–
 - The Heritage Arts Advisory Committee gave out \$50,000 in art grant money to the schools at their July meeting.
 - The Committee discussed restoring various art pieces throughout the City. The Committee and the City are trying to work with businesses to help restore privately owned art pieces.
 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ED RAMIREZ, ACTING EXCECUTIVE SECRETARY
 - a. 2020 Home and Business Beautification Awards Discussion – November
 - b. Discussion of Cancelling June 2020 Meeting
 - c. Thanksgiving Potluck – November 20, 2019
 - d. Nursery Visit/Tour (H & H on Lakewood)

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – DORIS YARWOOD, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- Juliet Rey announced that there is a bus trip to Barona on October 12th. Doris Yarwood expressed concern about knocked over blocks on the south-west corner of Florence and Norwalk.
- The Women's Club Christmas Boutique will be held on Friday, November 15th in the Town Center Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be available for purchase.
- Congratulations were given to Eileen Ridge and Doris Yarwood on their new elected positions for the 2019-2020 term.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Yarwood adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

The next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 23, at 9:30 a.m. at Town Center Hall, 11740 E. Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.



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