



*Minutes*  
**Town of Buena Vista Beautification Advisory Board**

**Thursday, January 7, 2021**  
**via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Present: Members - Joy Duprey (chairperson), Bonnie Bailey-Davis, Sue Benes, Colleen Deffner, Dorothy Distel, Diane Look, Nancy Taylor, Jan Wheeler-Kitzman; Town Representatives Paula Barnett, Joel Benson.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Approved minutes from the November, 2020 meeting.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**Funds**

- \$3,750 - annual flowers for 50 planters
- -\$3559.12 - cost of inserts and xeric garden plantings and compost
- \$4,800 - benches: 4 priced at \$1,200 each
- -\$1,400 - 1/2 cost of 3 benches paid to Six Line
- -\$1,050-estimated cost of bench liner to Custom Linings
- \$6,190 - sculpture: this would be a partial cost to be shared with Beautification.
- Estimated cost is \$7,500: balance to be paid by Beautification
- -\$1,310 -\$3,750 - 1/2 cost of sculpture
- -\$2,440- remaining cost of sculpture from Town budget
- -\$209.90 - 30 collapsible bins from Amazon
- -\$140.00 - 12 gift certificates from Steadman's for scarecrow contest winners
- -\$376.88 - 3 sample trees, lights and batteries from Amazon
- -335.00 - Shipping charges for 2019 Holiday Tree addition
- \$79.10 - BALANCE
- **2021 Beautification Funding from Town - \$14,250**
- \$3,900 ..... Annual Flowers for Planters
- \$550 ..... Xeric Gardens
- \$5,200 ..... Benches
- -\$215.04 ..... Student-built bench from BVHS
- -\$350 ..... Custom Linings for student-built bench
- \$4,600 ..... 2 Trash Cans for South Main
- **Total Beautification Fundraised Funds - \$3,496.65**

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- -\$1,310 ..... committed to BV sculpture +
- \$1050 - Adopt-a-Tree Donations
- \$3236.65 ..... BALANCE

**Town Holiday Tree**

- The process of putting the tree up went better this year than in past year - thanks to Public Works. The frame was already up, and they had checked the lights.
- The silver balls are starting to peel in some places - may need to replace in a year or two.

**Winter Planters**

- Cost and income report for the project:
- It cost us about \$1000 to do the project

<u>2020 Cost and Income Report for Adopt-a-Trees Project</u>		
<u>Cost / Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total Balance</u>
Adoption donations (income)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Amazon: 3 trees, lights, batteries	-\$376.88	\$673.12
Lightbulbs.com: 30 Cashmere Pine Trees	-\$1,314.60	-\$641.48
Amazon: 30 collapsible storage bins	-\$209.90	-\$851.38
Lightbulbs.com: 4 additional trees	-\$115.99	-\$967.37
Amazon: 2nd set of batteries	-\$49.96	-\$1,017.33
So... we ended up purchasing 37 trees total with 36 being placed and 1 runaway. Of the 36, 4 were not adopted - 2@ police station, 1 @ community center & 1 on Cottonwood. Just documenting this for next year in case we revisit as a serious fundraiser.		

- The tree bases are a bit flexible, so the trees lean in the wind
  - We'll work on methods to stabilize them more next year
- Feedback from locals was positive
- We're thinking about having similar opportunities to adopt on Valentine's Day, Spring and Mother's Day.
- Paula asked us if there's an easier way to account for this.
  - We decided to do a mail-in process instead of having Town collect forms and money
  - The two-tier donation levels were confusing to people
  - We could have a separate form for teachers with a lesser amount, and they could turn in their forms and money to Joy
- We decided to put the rocks from the planters (that are stabilizing the trees) into our xeriscape gardens when we're done with the trees in the late spring

- The entire board thanked Nancy for her creativity and hard work on this project

### **Benches**

- The new student bench is slightly taller than the other benches. We'll use it to replace the wooden bench in front of Louie's...because that location is in front of a fence, not blocking a business window.
- We have 4 benches total to put on Main St. - Loback's has asked for one. ReMax will let us know if they want one in their new location. The Asian Palate will let Joy know. The Trailhead and Louie's are other locations.

### **Mountain Vibrance Sculpture**

- The sculpture will be installed late January/early February

### **Gas Station Corner Brainstorming**

- We have 5 or so years to beautify and use the corner, so nothing permanent
- The lease starts April 1st, so the building needs to be down by then
- Brainstorming
  - Benches and xeriscape garden
  - Sculpture garden
  - Banner poles toward the back to display activities
  - Monument/welcome sign
  - Ask Merrifield's to store some of their inventory - especially trees - around edges of property

### **Beautifying Median at Charles St.**

- Shawn is hoping we'll help with this design
- How can we get a design created for this concept (boulders, concrete)?
  - Bonnie says there's a website we can access where we make a request for a design...Bonnie will do some research about this, and will also look into design software
  - Bonnie will also talk with her daughter, Candace, about helping with the design of the median.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Board Member Appointments**

- Dorothy and Colleen are alternate board members.

### **Snowflakes 2021**

- Some of the rope lights are fading
  - Joy counted...the 13 original snowflakes will need to be re-wrapped this summer
- Some of the bows on the pole wraps are fading and will need to be repainted

### **Pine Boughs**

- Bonnie Merrifield has pine boughs that are green and moist. We are wondering about putting them on the planters at the Splash Park.
  - We think it's worth a try
  - We'll need to use landscape staples to secure for the wind

### **Town Updates from Paula Barnett**

- Paula had no additional updates.

### **Adjournment**

- Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 4th at 5pm.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

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### ***Projects to keep track of:***

- Friendship Garden
- Ornament Fundraiser
- Wayfinding signs
- Cemetery clean up
- Large wreaths gifted from Chamber
- Light post globes (Sangre de Cristo has completed an inventory of light posts)
- Solar lights on bridge
- Directional signs in K's park
- Splash Park irrigation system redo - Ryan gave the thumbs up to redo in 2021
- Flowers for Tom Rollings stage at the Roastery
- Kinetic Sculpture Garden
- Xeriscape Gardens - mulch with rock on top, dig dirt down so not mounded so high, dig down around edging, water rings, more boulders in bigger gardens

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January minutes were approved at the February 2021 meeting. Respectfully submitted by Diane Look, Town Beautification Board member.

*Diane E. Look*