



Minutes
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. at the Buena Vista High School media center.

Present: Members - Joy Duprey (chairperson), Bonnie Bailey-Davis, Donna Mausbach, Diane Look (members); Town Representative Emily Katsimpalis (Town); Guest Sue Benes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Funds

- Beautification funding from Town: \$10,530
 - \$ 3,600 – annual flowers
 - \$ 4,900 – black metal benches
 - \$ 2,030 – pole wraps
 - Went ahead and purchased 7 wraps – Total was \$1,991.52
 - Balance: \$8,338.48
- Beautification Fundraised Funds
 - Balance: \$3,298.31
 - - \$537 for 2 self-watering planters
 - Balance: \$2761.37

Bench

- No update. Toby Galyean is still working on the bench for town as his high school project.

Landscaping Public Works projects

- Median by fire station
 - Joy shared photos of the concrete work done by Public Works. They left a kidney-shaped planter area for plants and/or public art
- Park in front of Charles St.
 - Public Works will get water lines installed before we can consider planting.
- McPhelemy Park
 - Several board members met with Public Works to discuss plants for the dirt area just to the east of the depot
 - Bonnie brought several ideas. We preferred a rock garden. Bonnie will work on a design and bring it to the next meeting.

- Arbor Day will be held at McPhelemy this year. The Tree Board is planning to plant several varieties of trees as a demo garden. They'll plant on Arbor Day – Friday, April 27th.
- Public Works will remove the trees in the 3 planters at the end of Cottonwood Street and replant them. They are some kind of dwarf evergreen. They've asked us for ideas on where to plant these.

Public Art

- No other organizations have stepped up to own this project
- Beautification has too much on its plate to also try to run the public art project
- So instead, let's just get a sculpture to put into the median near the fire station
- We're thinking of a mountain scene out of metal, or a cairn of some kind
- We'll get a preliminary quote from SixLine

Planters

- Self-watering inserts were delivered to Merrifields. All other planter inserts were picked up by Public Works and delivered to Merrifields on 3/26.
- Ordered 37 large inserts, 4 wooden, 2 self-watering, 12 small inserts (Note: this includes the three on Cottonwood St. and 3 extra for kayaks.)
 - Price: \$75 each for large inserts and \$55 each for small
 - Total is \$3,885. We only have \$3,600 budgeted from Town. Public Works will pay for 3 inserts from Cottonwood leaving a total of \$3,660 from Beautification
- We need 3 kayaks. Diane has 1 and will post on Facebook to see if we can get 2 more. Where will we put them?

Splash Park planter

- We're looking at completing the planter on the south side of the park near the bathrooms
- Public Works will raise the planter level with dirt
- We'd like to leave the rocks from the Community dinner in there.
- We'll look into putting the 3 trees from the planters on Cottonwood there. Bonnie and Sue will check out the trees to see if they'll work there.

Clean Up BV

- Effort to pick up litter on our streets
- Considering creating flyers that invite locals and businesses to participate. Something like, "grab a pair of gloves and trash bags, and pick up trash around your business or neighborhood."
- Perhaps ask Public Works to put out a dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS

Ashley Ahlene request for support

- Ashley is a local graphic designer who designed our new town brand, and she's also on the Main Street committee. She has a Colorado Change Leader grant to do a project in town. Her idea is to clean up the old Texaco station until the owner has a chance to update the building. The idea is simple, and would use paint and vinyl signs.
- She needs a letter of support from our board. We unanimously approved.
- We also would consider putting the 3 extra planters from Cottonwood St. there.

“Beauty is an essential aspect of everyday life, not a thing apart from it”

- Joy found this lovely quote and wonders if we should use it as our tagline.
- We all agreed.

Emily Katsimpalis – Town update

- On Thursday, May 17th, we have the opportunity for free training through the Main Street organization. It would be an evening meeting for all the advisory boards and commissions. A facilitator would lead a session on how to collaborate and get things done.

Thank yous

- To Joel for his years of service to the town.

Projects to keep track of

- Snowflakes – need 5 more - \$2207 is quote or \$442 for one from SixLine. \$100 each for lights
- Town clean-up day
- Mulch splash park
- Splash Park planter under overhang
- Mulch gardens
- Replace plants in gardens
- Replace signs in gardens
- Planter/garden sponsors

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 5 p.m. at Collegiate Peaks Realty.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.