



Approved Minutes
Town of Buena Vista Beautification Advisory Board
Thursday, May 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm in the conference room at Coldwell Banker Collegiate Peaks Realty, 419 US-24, Buena Vista, CO.

Present: Board Members - Joy Duprey (chairperson), Dorothy Distel, Nancy Taylor, Diana Weir, Jennifer Wright, Colleen Deffner. Town Staff - Paula Barnett, Alison Hopkins (via speakerphone).

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for April 2023 were approved.

Finances

- **2023 Beautification Funding from Town - \$24,255**

April~ purchased 12 ornament swags for Town Tree, Total-\$1162.40 • **Current Balance \$17,800.70**

- **Beautification Fundraised Funds Current Balance - \$5093.54**

OLD BUSINESS: Town Tree

- Twelve new 76" silver ball garlands arrived from Vickerman. Joy brought one to view which was liked by all. Three strands arrived dented, but Vickerman will replace for us.

- Nine new storage boxes at the Cemetery need to be put together for storing the new garlands. Diana volunteered to lead.

Faux Mini Trees

- Easter decor- A detailed written report from this year was submitted by Dorothy. It will provide helpful instructions for future Easters.
- Graduation decorating will take place Sunday, May 21 at 1pm.
- Thurs. June 1, will be a "working meeting" with trees being undecorated, removed, disassembled & taken to storage.
Repainting Town Park Signs

The River Park sign is currently being updated for \$660.

Estimate for Pump Track sign is \$1,560. Joy has reached out to the Recreation Dept. to see if they might share the cost. No response yet.

McPhelemy Park Project

5K budget for upgrades under trees at corner of W. Main & Hwy 24.

Alison informed that this is an emergency access area so our plans need to be flexible. Some ideas discussed include upgrading the picnic tables & old benches to new ADA compliant thermoplastic coated ones. Also consider attractive stone pillars that could display event banners.

Board invited to visit the site after lunch on June 1 for brainstorming.

Dog Park Project

- Alison has located a possibility for a cantilevered shade structure.
- Alison going forward with the national "Bark for Your Park" grant campaign which requires public voting during the month of August. We will map out a publicity strategy at our July meeting to involve the community in voting and hopefully winning one of the five 5K grants.

Charles Street Median

- Town has been approved for a grant for this project.
- There will be no water or electricity. Plan is for concrete & boulders with possible cobbled "river bed" design and metal fish sculptures. Nancy will research artwork donation possibilities.

Forest Square Park Corner Project (rolled over from 2022)

Work on the long to-do list is in progress, with irrigation being addressed currently.

Flowers

The 34 large plastic inserts, 4 large wood boxes and 4 small inserts will be installed by Public Works on June 1 or 2.

Joy will work with Diana on setting up the Adopt-A-

Planter program in her computer. Launch date TBA. *Town Beautification Meeting* The Crabapple tree will be planted in a couple of weeks but we will Dorothy is researching a story board to provide church bldg. history. Will wait to add ground cover until it is established, possibly next year.

Friendship Garden

Alison reported that work has begun by removing all salvageable plants. Public works will then rework the garden and prepare it for replanting. They will invite our input, along with CMGs when ready.

Budget is \$1000 which will go towards purchasing new plants, etc.

Cottonwood Ave. (closed road update)

Old broken planter will be removed. Discussion of new decor ideas included 3 long rectangular planters creating a triangle or a kinetic sculpture garden.

It was decided to invite thoughts & ideas from impacted businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

Alzheimer's Awareness with Alzheimer's Association

- Agreed to promote Alzheimer Awareness Month in June with purple decorations at the Splash Park. Ideas include wrapping the tree with purple ribbon and placing purple pinwheels in gardens.

- Nancy will invite Sue and Jan to take the lead on decorating plans.

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TOWN UPDATES

Paula Barnett informed about an upcoming McPhelemy Park ribbon cutting at the "Listen Longer" speaking space on May 6 and a June 3 picnic for the new Town Stage opening.

Alison Hopkins has purchased new plantings for Main St. Xeriscape Gardens which will be installed next week. She has ordered a few "Poop Fairy" signs to remind dog owners the gardens are off-limits.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 1. It will be a "Work Meeting" beginning at 10am at the Railroad tracks on Main St, followed by a brainstorming visit to McPhelemy Park after lunch.

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm. Projects to keep track of: Cemetery

These minutes were approved at the July 6, 2023 meeting of the Beautification Board. Respectfully submitted by Nancy Taylor, Board Member.

Nancy Taylor

7/6/23