



Minutes
Town of Buena Vista Beautification Advisory Board
Thursday, September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm at the home of member Diane Look.

Present: Board Members - Joy Duprey, (Chairperson); Sue Benes, Dorothy Distel, Nancy Taylor; Paula Barnett, Alison Hopkins, Shawn Williams and Peter Hylton-Hinga (Town Representatives).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- This will be done via email.

OLD BUSINESS

Finances

- 2022 Beautification Funding from Town: \$15, 455.00
 - Balance - \$10,140.56
- Total Beautification Fundraised Funds
 - Balance - \$4,272.81

Planters/Xeric Gardens

- We discussed getting informative signs for our xeric gardens, and possibly the Splash Park gardens.

Friendship Garden

- Alison will take over this project.
 - She plans to selectively spray invasive plants. And she'll reach out to community garden groups to see if more people can get involved.

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Railroad St. Planters Winter Decor

- We discussed purchasing round boxwood topiary greenery from Amazon for the rectangular planters at Railroad and East Main.
- We are going to speak with a local business owner to seek input on options for these planters.

Dog Park Project

- Nancy is seeking another quote for Dog Park entrance sign.
- Park sponsor sign is being updated and PSH will make the new signs.
- The Chamber has expressed interest in helping improve and promote the park.
- Ace Hardware donated a metal bench & large wooden picnic table. Tractor Supply giving 50% off a picnic table for the small dog area.
- Maggie from the Chamber offered to pick up the large picnic table and weatherproof it.
- Tough River Stuff in Salida will be consulted about possible shade sails
- A "Name the Dog Park" contest was discussed.
- October 8 from 10-12 was chosen as a park "Work Day" for fall clean up. Nancy will organize details & publicity in conjunction with other interested groups in town.
- Shawn & Paula advised that Volunteer Waivers are required for Work Day participants.

Forest Square Park Corner Project

- RFP for tree removal went out today. We need to remove 2 old Cottonwood Trees. This work probably won't be done until October
- We'll wait for the trees to be removed before any other work is started on the site, including planting any other trees.
- We think the boulders can be moved into position this fall.
- We'll try to purchase our mulch and edging this year.
- We discussed using synthetic mulch. We'll take a look at some examples in town. It's more expensive, but it's attractive and lasts longer.
- We talked about the possibility of rolling over our funds to next year's budget. Paula will discuss with Philip in the morning.

NEW BUSINESS

Wood Presents Under the Tree

- Joy spoke with Randy about building wooden boxes to place under our tree. Peter mentioned that there is scrap wood at Fading West that could be used for this purpose.

Town Updates

- Town has applied for DOLA funds, and they have earmarked the Charles St. project for any funds that are awarded.
- Paula and Shawn shared information about options to upgrade the signage at Mt. Olivet cemetery.
 - Town is looking at upgrading the fencing along Rodeo Rd. as well. We gave our input out stone posting - made locally.

Adjournment

- The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5pm. Location TBD.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Projects to keep track of:

- List of all faux tree locations for 2023
- Wreaths on Main were not lit
- Web pages
- Snowflake to be lit
- Bump up tree adoptions to \$50
- Kinetic Sculpture Garden
- Cemetery
- Consider asking for funding to paint park signs in 2023
- Consider median project at Charles St. in 2023
- Add scissor lift to budget in 2023 approx \$600
- Botanic signs for gardens

These minutes were approved at the October Beautification Meeting.
Respectfully submitted by Diane Look, Beautification Board member.

Diane E. Look