

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
January 10, 2018 10:30 AM at City Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Patti Trefry. Members present: Patti Trefry, Bill Trefry, Sandy Bauchman, David McKeehan, Kimmeron Lisle, Phebe Blackburn and Peter Morris. Excused: Janie Byland and Jackie Topolski. Also present: Kathryn McCullough, City Clerk and Gerard Roussin, Assistant Building Official.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting were approved.

New Member (Alternate)

Patti announced Sally Gill will be rejoining the Beautification Committee as an alternate.

Current Financial State of the City

Patti reported, based on conversations with the Mayor and other City officials, the revenues for vacation rentals is down by about half. Ad valorem taxes are starting to come in, but not as fast as previous years. FEMA reimbursements have been delayed as procedures were changed after Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. And, the City Administrator was recently in an automobile accident. City Clerk McCullough compared the financial reports for 10/01/2016 through 12/31/2016 to the financial reports for 10/01/2017 through 12/31/2017. Whereas the 2016 report shows an income of \$767,007 the 2017 report shows a loss of \$118,235.

Irrigation Update

Patti said the Committee is caught in a 'catch 22'. There is no money for irrigation, so that would mean hand watering if plants are put in. Reinstalling the irrigation is more than putting back in Home Depot pipes. There is a hole in the RO tank. There is enough water in the tank to irrigate the golf course but nothing else. Even if the tank is repaired there is still the dilemma of what is going to happen to City Hall.

Sunset Park Cleanup

Patti said a volunteer community effort to clean up Sunset Park is planned for January 20, 2017. The Public Works Department will spend a few days removing the larger pieces of debris before any volunteers can begin. The City will also provide a dumpster. Sunset Park could be closed indefinitely without the volunteer effort supported by Beautification and Fishing & Boating. David McKeehan asked who would coordinate this effort. Patti answered the Beautification Committee, supported by City staff, will coordinate the cleanup. Centennial Bank will provide pizza and cookies for lunch. The Community Association will provide sodas and water. The Fishing & Boating Club will bring the coolers and ice. Placement of the ADA sand and connecting the electricity will be responsibility of the City. Patti provided the Committee with the background on how this cleanup came about. Assistant Building Official Roussin said he would 'grid out' the park beforehand and he would direct the volunteers on Saturday.

Hotdogs in the Hut

David McKeehan reported the Hots Dogs in the Hut event is cancelled this year. Instead, David will host a private party at his house on February 24th, 2018 from 2pm to 6pm. All Beautification members, all City Hall staff and the Public Works crew, and Louis Gonzalez will be invited. Hot Dogs in the Hut

generates about \$3,200 for the Beautification Committee. This year David will make that contribution to the City. Patti thanked David for his generosity.

Unfinished Business

Patti requested the Committee members ‘hang tight’ with previous garden assignments for the time being. Even though things are ‘up in the air’ as far as plantings, gardens still need weeding and grooming. The bromeliads have been planted and need watering once week. Kimmeron offered to do the watering. Carol Gross, an unofficial committee member, is back. She takes care of the City Hall entrance garden and the Monument garden. Phoebe Blackburn is watering the orchids. Kimmeron requested help with the circle garden. Dave McKeehan said everything looks good, considering. All the mulching that has been done helps with how things look. Patti said a big thank you goes out to Louis Gonzalez and his crews. He saw how much work still needed to be done before mulch could be placed so he had his crews do it at no cost.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



Respectfully Submitted
Kathryn L. McCullough
City Clerk