



# Idaho Falls Beautification Commission

Idaho Falls, ID 83405-0220

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July 15, 2009 — 12:00 p.m.  
City Annex Conference Room  
380 Constitution Way

## **Members Present:**

Cheryl Cox, Pat Fuchs, Matt Hill, Nathan Kennedy, Terry Miller, Linda Neeley, Roxane Mitro and Sharon Parry.

## **Members Absent:**

Ann Bates, Cory Emery, and Erin Kennedy.

## **Staff Present:**

Brad Cramer, Assistant Director; and Deb Petty, Recording Secretary.

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

## **Modifications to the Agenda:**

None.

## **Minutes:**

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Hill to approve the minutes of June 17, 2009, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Liaison Reports:**

1. Planning Commission – Brad Cramer.  
The Commission is working on the second revision of sign code, working to fill 3 vacancies on the Commission, and no meeting is scheduled for August.
2. Historic Preservation Commission – Rox Mitro  
The meeting was postponed.
3. Shade Tree Committee – Matt Hill  
The Committee reviewed the Memorial Tree Program (for memorialization of a loved one), as options are limited. The group would like to be as progressive as other municipalities and are putting together a subcommittee comprised of volunteers from other Boards/Commissions to review the program and develop a plan for implementation.

4. Parks & Recreation Commission – Terry Miller  
The 12-foot ~~s~~South ~~t~~Tourist Sunnyside ~~p~~Pathway should be complete in October and will connect the Ammon Walmart to Freeman Park. The ice rink is a 2,600 square-foot addition and will cost 1.6 million. The Greenbelt Subcommittee is working to produce a brochure that provides historic information on points of interest along the Greenbelt.

### **Judging of Nominations:**

The consensus by the Commission is to forego the late nomination submitted by Karyl Chapman for the Carter-Beck property. Staff will write a letter explaining the position of the Commission and encourage Ms. Chapman to submit the nomination prior to the deadline next year (2010) and if possible include before and after pictures so the Commission may understand the scope of what the Carter-Becks accomplished.

Linda Neeley generated a list of all nominations and the group chose to use her format for ease in reviewing and judging the nominations and is listed below:

### **Residential 2009**

#### **Landscaping: Overall Appearance**

##### **1. Neighborhood: Coronado Circle**

- Most of what was accomplished was by the builder/developer not the residents.
- There is a variety of homes and landscapes, but nothing in particular that tied it together and were maintained by professionals.

##### **2. Richard Rapp: 646 Cleveland**

- Beautiful roses. Neat and well maintained. Nicely designed.
- Ho-hum...okay, but lost out to the Draper home in the same type of neighborhood.
- Could be considered under the Building Overall category.

##### **3. Clifford Draper: 130 May Street**

- Great! Very nice home/yard.
- Cramer noticed the home 3 years ago when doing zoning enforcement and even then it was stellar.
- A lot of personal work. Every square inch received care.
- Very deserving of the award.
- Lots of elbow grease....not a checkbook.

##### **4. Christine Schwarz: 1163 Kearney St.**

- Creative use of artwork. The gate is fun.
- Stood out from the rest of the houses in the neighborhood.
- Neighborhood is approaching historic status due to age.
- Should receive honorable mention as it is a shining star in comparison to the rest of the area.

##### **5. Ed & Janice Hahn: 2835 Laguna Dr.**

- Most of eye appeal is in the rear of the yard.
- Nice, but doesn't stand out from rest of neighborhood.
- Do not like fences and issues with the use of fire pits in Idaho Falls.
- Rear yards should be responsibility of garden club.

##### **6. Al & JoAnn Glissendorf: 2865 Glenwood (backyard)**

- Tree in front that is not up to code as it is growing over the sidewalk.
- Some interesting features in the front, but nomination was for the rear yard.

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Parry to award Residential Landscaping Overall Appearance to the Draper home at 130 May Street and a Merit Award to Schwarz at 1163 Kearney Street. Motion passed.

### **Landscaping: Best Improved**

**1. Carla Flint: 595 I Street**

- Home was cited for zoning violations a number of years ago. Greatly improved.
- Fence and do-dads are not a favorite.

**2. Hersh Mynarcik: 258 Walnut**

- Phenomenal amount of work and was on historic walking tour.
- Home has previously been recognized for a number of things.

Motion by Hill, seconded by Mitro to award Residential Landscaping Best Improved to the Mynarcik home at 258 Walnut and a Merit Award to the Flint home at 595 I Street. Motion passed.

### **Landscaping: Superior Landscaping**

**1. Ed & Janice Hahn: 2835 Laguna Dr**

**2. Al & JoAnn Glissendorf: 2865 Glenwood (backyard)**

- The focus of these nominations is for the rear yard.
- There is nothing outstanding that sets either yard apart from other yards in the neighborhood.
- The Glissendorf home has a tree growing in the public right-of-way that should be addressed.

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Miller to present Merit Awards to Hahn home at 2835 Laguna and the Glissendorf home at 2865 Glenwood Drive. Motion passed.

### **Building: Overall Appearance**

**1. Richard Rapp: 646 Cleveland**

**2. Christine Schwarz: 1163 Kearney St.**

Motion by Fuchs, seconded by Neeley to present Residential Building Overall Appearance to the Rapp home at 646 Cleveland. Motion passed.

### **Non-Residential 2009**

#### **Landscaping: Overall Appearance**

**1. Downtown Development Corp., Idaho Falls Historic District**

- Believes there is more work to be accomplished before Downtown Idaho Falls could be considered for Landscaping Overall Appearance.

**2. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

**3. The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho**

#### **Landscaping: Best Improved**

**1. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

**2. Eagle Rock Nursery: 1850 Rollandet**

#### **Landscaping: Superior Landscaping**

**1. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

**2. The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho: 300 S. Capital Ave.**

Modifications to the categories were made where the Commission thought appropriate. This was done in an effort to award a nominee in a more appropriate category and make certain that all nominations received recognition for their efforts. The following changes to the categories were made by the Commission for Non-residential Landscaping: Best Improved to Cherz, Overall Appearance to Art Museum, and Superior Landscaping to Eagle Rock Nursery.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Hill to present the Non-residential Best Improved to Cherz, Landscaping Overall Appearance to the Art Museum and Superior Landscaping to Eagle Rock Nursery. Motion passed.

### **Landscaping: Other: (Most Artistic)**

#### **1. Art You Can Sit On: Downtown**

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Parry to present Most Artistic to Downtown Development Corp. and Idaho Falls Art Council. Motion passed.

The following changes to the categories were made by the Commission for Non-residential Landscaping: Building Overall Appearance to Dan's Collision Repair, Building Superior Landscaping to the Art Museum and Building Best Improved to Rocky Mountain Supply. The Tautphaus Park Horse Barn should receive a special award for Historic Significance and Johnson Brothers a merit.

### **Building: Overall Appearance**

#### **1. Rocky Mountain Supply: 1500 S. Yellowstone**

- Failed to bring the south elevation up to the same level as the front of the building.
- They have no landscaping.

#### **2. The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho: 300 S. Capital Ave.**

- In the past two years the only addition to the museum is the sculpture.

#### **3. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

- Little was done to the exterior of the building. They are still a Sizzler except for their sign.

Motion by Hill, seconded by Kennedy to present Building Overall Appearance to Dan's Collision Repair at 501 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion passed.

### **Building: Best Improved**

#### **1. Tautphaus Park Horse Barn: Tautphaus Park**

#### **2. Rocky Mountain Supply: 1500 S. Yellowstone**

#### **3. Johnson Brothers Estimating Production Office: 246 Basalt**

#### **4. Dan's Collision Repair: 501 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St.**

- The owner is always out keeping the flowerbeds and property free of debris. He has the best overall appearance.

#### **5. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hill to present Building Best Improved to Rocky Mountain Supply at 1500 S. Yellowstone and merit to Johnson Brothers at 246 Basalt. Motion passed.

### **Building: Superior Landscaping**

#### **1. The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho**

#### **2. Cherz & Co.: 310 N. Eastern**

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Hill to eliminate the Building Superior Landscaping for this year, as the nominations did not meet the expectation of the award. Motion passed.

### **Building: Commission's Award for Historic Significance**

Motion by Neeley, seconded by Kennedy to present the Commission Award for Historic Significance to the Tautphaus Park Horse Barn. Motion passed.

The remaining award is the Mayor's Choice. Brad will find out who the Mayor is selecting for this award.

The Commission had the following thoughts on improvements to the award program for next year:

- Improve upon the misconception by public that they would ~~complete~~ **compete** against more costly and professional landscapes.
- Everyone gets some type of award.
- Limit nominations to “street view”.
- Letters to both nominee and nominator.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Community Night Out:**

The event is Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Cox will introduce Parry who will present the all the awards except the Mayor’s Choice at the event. Several members are available to assist with the booth.

**Debrief Meeting:**

August 12, 2009: Review of the awards process for 2009.

**September 16, 2009 Meeting:**

Suggested by Parry to have mini in-service at the 9-16-09 meeting.

**Assignments:**

1. Petty to order Beautification Awards.
2. Brad to look at in-service modules for the next meeting.
3. Pictorial display of awards. Must be posted in a City building for 30-days according to the ordinance.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Mitro, seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary