



Idaho Falls Beautification Commission

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Unofficial Minutes (non-quorum meeting)

November 17, 2010 — 12:00 p.m.

City Annex Conference Room

380 Constitution Way

Members Present:

Cheryl Cox; Matt Hill; Linda Neeley; Terry Miller; and Sharon Parry.

Members Absent:

Ann Bates; Cory Emery; Pat Fuchs; Erin Kennedy; and Nathan Kennedy.

Staff Present:

Brad Cramer, Assistant Director and Debra Petty, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order:

Called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Modifications to the Agenda:

None.

Minutes:

Meeting minutes for September 15, 2010, and October 20, 2010, will be approved at a future date.

Liaison Reports:

City Council – Sharon Parry:

Natalie Black wrote a letter to Chad Stanger, public works director, regarding the negative appearance of the landscape island located at First Street and Lomax Street. As a result, the project is out to bid.

Parry has diligently worked toward a parking lot at the southeast corner of Elm Street and Yellowstone Highway. As it is right-of-way for the Union Pacific railroad, negotiations are difficult and could be costly. It would require approximately \$350,000.00 to surface the lot for parking. In exchange for a long-term lease of the property from the railroad, they want the city to shoulder the cost of improvements to the D Street Bridge including the installation of double track for railroad use.

Parry said Magee is aware of her strong opinions on signs and approached her with the idea of an award program administered by the Beautification Commission for signs. Parry believes there are four categories of signs: pole signs, back-lit signs, LED signs, and Monument signs. This is a topic of discussion for a future meeting.

Parry said it is important to address the “dead and dying” areas within the city, such as Northgate Mile, 17th Street, and

Parks and Recreation Commission – Hill and Miller

The dedication of the newly renovated ice rink at Tautphaus Park took place the first part of November.

The ponds at Ryder Park will be filled with potable water, as there are no water rights to fill the ponds from the Snake River. Fish cannot live in potable water, so a dechlorination system will be installed. The ponds should be ready for fishing in spring 2011.

The Taylor Crossing project is suffering from the effects of the economy. Due to the situation, the city will assist in the stabilization of the greenbelt within the first 500' from Pancheri Drive.

The current holder of the vending contract for Tautphaus Park missed the bid deadline. This may open a number of possibilities for the Park.

Historic Preservation – Cheryl Cox

The commission is organizing a "hands-on" workshop for the restoration of wood windows. It is hoped property owners will take steps to preserve the windows of their historic properties rather than replace with vinyl products.

General Discussion by Attending Members:

Nomination Form. Discussion continued regarding simplification of the nomination form. It will be voted on when there is a quorum present.

Beautification Commission Ordinance: Cramer said a draft of the revisions is complete, but has not gone to council for approval. Proposed changes include doing away with the requirement for representation from other boards and commissions. This is a topic of discussion for the next meeting.

Monthly Award/Recognition Program: The members are contemplating another type of award program. This will be a topic of discussion for 2011.

Alleyways: Fuch read the article in the Idaho Falls Magazine and believed it worthy of discussion by the commission. She is not in attendance. The item is deferred to the next meeting.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary