

**CITY OF ARTESIA
BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2005
6:30 p.m.**

Chairperson Veronica Bloomfield called the regular meeting of the Beautification and Maintenance Commission to order at 6:30 p.m., February 18, 2005, in the Artesia City Hall City Council Chambers, located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia. Commissioner Speers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairperson, Veronica Bloomfield
Vice Chairperson, Karen Speers
Commissioner Pete Ochoa
Commissioner Joyce Yeutter

ABSENT : Commissioner Barbara Applebury

ALSO PRESENT: Chuck Burkhardt, Public Works Consultant
Ed Leon, Public Works Consultant

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Chairperson Bloomfield announced this was the time and place for communications from the audience and invited those wishing to speak to come forward at this time.

There was one speaker at this time, Mark Jander Heide. Mr. Heide is a property owner on Artesia Boulevard and is concerned about the issue that property owners on Artesia Boulevard might have to pay for the maintenance of the landscaping. He is not agreeable to this since they (property owners on Artesia Boulevard) is not earning as much as property owners of Pioneer Boulevard and if maintenance costs will be equally divided among them, he believes that this is not fair. Also, he brought up the concern that property owners are not duly informed of developmental projects of the City.

His concern will be brought up to the party concerned.

5. APPROVAL OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2004.

Motion was by Vice Chairperson Speers second by Commissioner Yeutter to approve the minutes of November 18, 2004.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Vine Planting Program/Graffiti Removal Program

As a result of a meeting among Commissioners Karen Speers and Pete Ochoa with Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Nelson, the Commission came up with the motion for staff to provide inputs in identifying areas where community involvement can be put into use for long-term beautification and maintenance of identified areas in the City since the City Council desires to maintain this program on a volunteer basis. The staff is requested to provide inputs on ways to organize and promote this as a community involvement project.

Since the City Council would like this program to be a purely voluntary one, the Commission brought out some concerns like:

- 1) the need for volunteers
- 2) density of vines on walls
- 3) fund for vine planting – they believe that the City has fund for this and would like to know how much is allocated for such. Ed Leon will look into this
- 4) the need to look for vine donors

This item will be continued to the next regular meeting wherein the inputs will be put together to come out with 2005 Beautification and Maintenance Program for the City of Artesia.

b. Public Works Projects Update

Public Works Superintendent, Ed Leon, presented the Commission with updated Public Works Projects.

c. Status on the Directional Sign Reported at Arline Avenue and 183rd Street - the sign has been removed

d. Status on the Property Located at 18600 Pioneer Boulevard (Standard Sweets) – this is a Code Enforcement case and property owner is taking steps to handle the problem.

e. Ordinance No. 633 Relative to Temporary Outdoor Lights – Commission was provided with information

f. North Artesia Neighborhood Clean-Up Program – information that the Clean-Up will take place on February 26 between 7am and 1pm.

7. STAFF REPORTS

a. Capitol Improvement Projects Update – Public Works Consultant Chuck Burkhardt provided a verbal report

- i. Capitol Improvement Projects Update
- ii. Albert O. Little Community Center/Artesia Park Improvements-
two new lights were installed at Artesia Park
- iii. Water Tower Project – ready for use
- iv. Camera Security System – no arrests have been made but the system
is working to our advantage
- v. Railroad Crossing Removal – project completed
- vi. Artesia Boulevard Improvement Project – project was delayed by
rain
- vii. Pioneer Boulevard Landscape Median – regular maintenance
is undertaken
- viii. Street, Curb and Alley Repair Inventory - ongoing

b. Citywide Construction Projects Update - Verbal

- i. Carl Duarte Project – progressing per plan
- ii. Ice Skating Rink – progressing per plan
- iii. Learning Center – progressing per plan
- iv. Senior Housing Project – progressing per plan
- v. Westar New Retail Building at 18017 Pioneer Boulevard -
progressing per plan
- vi. New Contractor’s Storage and Office Building - progressing
per plan
- vii. Grace Court Residence (12 homes) – progressing per plan
- viii. Two New Single-Family Residential Homes – progressing per plan
- ix. IDC/Vistacor Development (South Street Commercial Shopping
Center) – no new development to report
- x. Taura Limited #1 Partnership (19 Unit Single-Family Residential
Development on Norwalk) – progressing per plan
- xi. New 1-Story Service and Professional Office (11960 Artesia Blvd.)
progressing per plan
- xii. New 5-Unit Apartment at 18015 Jersey Avenue – progressing per
plan
- xiii. New one additional apartment unit at 18606-12 Corby Ave. -
progressing per plan

c. Graffiti Enforcement Project

The City is still being heavily hit with Graffiti.

8. COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission reported the tree on Pioneer Boulevard and 187th Street that was hit by a delivery truck..

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bloomfield adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. to the Regular meeting on April 21, 2005.

Veronica Bloomfield
Chairperson

Date

Witnessed by:
Amelia Nacu

Date

