

MINUTES
MAYOR'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
April 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Busch, Steve Doshier, Craig Grotenhouse, Pat Pummel, Larry Stoner, Jim White

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Chlebek, Rod Johnson, Sharlene Mitchell

Call to Order

Grotenhouse called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2001 and March 21, 2001

Stoner moved, Pummel seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2001 and March 21, 2001 meetings.

Financial Report

Mitchell reviewed the financial statements noting the interest accrual of \$4,736.11 credited to the account. Mitchell indicated that \$66,907.12 has been encumbered for the West Memorial Park Project leaving an unencumbered balance of \$4,736.11. Mitchell stated the Finance Office has established a separate savings account for the Beautification funds to provide a more regular accounting of the interest accrual.

Omaha Street Reconstruction/Landscaping Committee

Doshier indicated that the Department of Transportation has not contacted him regarding the project and requested that Lass contact the Department of Transportation regarding the status of the project.

Citizens for a Scenic Rapid City

Busch indicated that he has contacted Mayor Elect Munson regarding continuing work on revision of the City Sign Ordinance. Busch indicated that Munson expressed interest in the billboard issue and working with the committee. Busch reviewed the information he has received for other communities regarding their experiences with billboard legislation and regulation. Discussion followed regarding the current status of the billboard efforts.

Rapid City Welcome Sign Landscaping

Pummel commented briefly on the issue of corporate sponsorship for the Welcome Sign project noting that she has received both positive and negative responses to the sponsorship request. Pummel indicated that the Master Gardeners program has assumed the lead role in the Journey museum landscaping and does not have time for other projects. Discussion followed regarding public funding versus private funding for maintenance of the Welcome Signs. In response to Grotenhouse, Pummel recommended that this issue be addressed to Mayor Elect Munson. Discussion followed regarding replanting the sites versus cleaning and maintaining the existing plant material.

Grotenhouse recommended that Busch and Pummel work together to address the billboard and Welcome Sign issues with Mayor Elect Munson.

Code Enforcement Report

Chlebek reviewed the action taken on the issues identified by the Committee members noting that Spencer is continuing to work on the Warehouse Casino issue. Chlebek reviewed the

manner in which complaints on rental properties are addressed. Chlebek provided information regarding Cleanup Day activities. Chlebek indicated that Osborne's position has been filled as an Office Assistant with Spencer and himself processing the fieldwork.

Discussion followed regarding outside storage of garbage cans, Cleanup Day, and utilization of the "Out of the Dust" program for parking lot paving.

Other Business

Grotenhouse indicated that per Wrede, MDU has received an environmental award and are considering donating a portion of the award to the Beautification Committee. Grotenhouse indicated that a written request for the funding must be submitted along with an outline of the proposed project.

Pummel moved, White seconded and carried unanimously to authorize Wrede to contact MDU regarding donation of the environmental award to the Beautification Committee to be utilized for a beautification project at the Committee's discretion.

Discussion followed regarding the quality of the Office Depot complex landscaping. Grotenhouse requested that staff review the landscape plan to determine if the proposal met or exceeded the basic requirements. White indicated that he would prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for the Office Depot complex landscaping.

Doshier moved, Pummel seconded and carried unanimously for the Mayor's Beautification Committee to participate in the Rapid City Cleanup Day. Grotenhouse requested that staff contact the Mayor's office regarding the Committee's cleanup location and availability of materials.

Other Business

In response to White, Grotenhouse requested that Lass research the process for replanting one tree at the South Highway 79 Welcome to Rapid City site.

Roosevelt Park Project

Johnson reviewed the Roosevelt Park renovation project noting that Vision 2012 funding will be utilized for the improvements. Discussion followed regarding the park improvements and project phasing.

The Committee complimented the Public Works Department staff on the Sioux Park and Parkview Pool projects. Discussion followed regarding landscaping issues at the multi-use school projects. Johnson indicated that lighted basketball courts would be installed at North Middle School to replace those courts removed from Roosevelt Park.

Doshier commented on the maintenance issues associated with drainage swells and suggested piping the drainage directly to the creek. Discussion followed regarding design of the drainage swell to facilitate maintenance and the impact of water quality regulations on piped drainage.

Discussion followed regarding maintenance of that portion of Roosevelt Park between Omaha Street and Rapid Creek. Doshier recommended that irrigation be provided to this area as it provides the visual frontage to Roosevelt Park from Omaha Street.

Doshier moved, White seconded and carried unanimously to support the installation of irrigation to that portion of Roosevelt Park between Omaha Street and south Rapid Creek.

Canyon Lake Chimney Project

Johnson provided a brief update on the chimney project noting the proposal to install a small shelter that would emulate the original structure. Johnson proposed incorporating the shelter with Master Plan improvements proposed for the patio area and water front walkway. Johnson reviewed the available funding sources and recommended incorporating all improvements into one project. He reviewed the timeframe for completion of the project design and indicated that the Public Works Department would keep in contact with the Messinger family regarding progress on the project.

Johnson indicated that the City wants to insure that the Messinger donation is a very identifiable segment of the project. In response to Grotenhouse, Johnson indicated that installation of a plaque would be at the Messinger family discretion.

The Committee requested that Johnson keep them apprised on the progress of both the Roosevelt Park and Canyon Lake Park projects.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.