STNC Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 23, 2017

Present: Nayri Vartanian, Nelly LeBuff, Julie Cuddihy, Steve Black, Roger Klemm, Charlie B, Krystee Clark

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Public Comment

Steve Black: Recognize the people who have stood by us (speaking of board members) in regards to showing up to public functions and clean ups. He would like to organize something to give framed plaque to those individuals and thank them.

Mark Siegla, Pat Crammer, Krystee Clark as examples

Nelly: Maybe we can start with the businesses to thank them for their support. The back door bakery, Albertsons, McDonolds, champion building materials

Steve: solar powered trash compactor. He will do it himself to see if there are any left over for placement in our neighborhood. Pilot program by dept. of sanitation.

Roger: Weeding event at welcome garden on Saturday. Need help pulling weeds on Saturday, he has trash bags, event starts at 9 am.

Roger: Rotary and Howard Finn community garden- several events happening on Earth Day.

Nayri: Update on items presented to neighborhood council update

Charlie: Schedule with John or other groups who run events

Julie: Would like a calendar of all events and meetings for every month (all committees)

3. Discuss use of LA Clean streets grant award and vote on community project/use of funds

Roger Klemm present to discuss beautifying city property adjacent from current welcome garden in Sunland: City said that it is a high visibility corner. They have restricted the height of flowers over 3 feet tall.

Nelly: Gail suggested a bench to be installed. Drives by it all the time, why not it be an area for the community?

Roger: The way it works, office of community beautification (in this kind of project where by community groups can adopt the property from the city and in that adoption process we outline what we are going to do with it. In the negotiations, back and forth learned what the restrictions were.

Nelly: Can we dress it up with rocks so it's beautiful to look at in the months that it is not flowering?

Roger: He is ok with that watering is an issue because you cannot sustain anything without water.

Nayri: Just a suggestion, bring the Richard Stewart Rock Art and his message on a board to this location since the current rock art location is no longer going to exist with the planned development.

Charlie: Create an event for the moving of the rocks, we can have a procession of the rocks

Roger: the only thing that would cost money is the rocks/boulders if we purchase them.

Nelly: Landscaping in front of firehouse take a look at because it is very nice to get ideas.

Nayri: Putting this project in the hands of Roger, the BC committee will then support him in getting the project together and done.

Those present at the meeting loved the idea of having Richard Stewart Rock art at this location and Roger will speak with Richard to get his support on it.

Roger: Is there any signage in front of howard finn community garden? If you wanted to do signage somewhere, the set of signs for the welcome garden was \$3,000-\$4,000 but that was several of them and they were big.

4. Update on all unfinished DOT Artwork

Nayri: Waiting for DOT to provide response in what we should do with boxes that have not been completed at all.

- 5. April Beautification Day Project discussion and action: Earth Day a lot of events happening. Howard Finn Garden, Rotary.
- 6. Discussion: What is our purpose/mission? Come up with statement to include on STNC website. It was decided that every individual's suggestions on one document via email, and then as a committee formulate everyone's best ideas at next meeting.
- 7. March Meeting day/time March 23rd 6:00-8:00 PM NVCH
- 8. Adjourn

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