

3-14-13 BEAUTIFICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MID VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY, NORTH HILLS, CA

1. Call meeting to order – Jaynee Thorne/Chair 6:35PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jaynee Thorne/Chair
2. Committee member roll call
Marina Adlivankina/Present
Amal Shahin/Present
Mike Majers/Present
Mike Khalid/Present
Janet Gaspard/Present
Jaynee Thorne/Present
Carly Fraser/Present
Punam Gohel/Absent

Mike Kabo/Council Parliamentarian/Not Present

Resident/Stakeholders Present – Count – 6
3. Public comments on non-agendized items – NONE
4. Presentations – NONE
5. Old business
 - a. Update and advise on Sunday 2-24 Clean Sweep

Marina stated that they did well for the first Clean Sweep; of course we still have to return and complete the area from Roscoe to Gothic, which will be done at the next Clean Sweep on Sunday March 24th, 2013. We will send out an eblast on Monday the 18th to advise the residents/stakeholders and see if we can get any additional volunteers to assist with the Sunday Clean Up.

Frank Klein stated that everyone did a great job. In addition, he is suggesting that the committee perhaps purchase trash containers at Home Depot to use for clean up. They are approximately \$20 for the small ones and \$26 for the large ones. Mike Khalid advised that we may be able to contact the City and ask for the green containers just for the NHWNC. They may provide them to us at no charge and of course no charge for pick up. He also stated we might be able to put our logo on the containers so we know they are for the Beautification Committee. After clean up, they can be taken to one of the committee members homes and the City will pick up as usual. Jaynee stated she will contact the city and advise if she is able to get the trash bins.

Mike Majers stated that that would be a great idea and he would offer to put the cans at his home for pick up as well.

Marina stated that we should try to coordinate a meeting time, approximately ½ hour before the estimated start time, to coordinate the clean up. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. In addition, we should also advise in the eblast where the volunteers can park; that would be on Roscoe where the German Deli is located, on Sunday it is virtually empty and everyone can meet in the parking lot for bagels and coffee, courtesy of Frank Klein, for which the committee thanks him for his generous offer!

Mike Khalid wanted to state another point; we should try if at all possible to finish the work in lieu of returning the next time to complete an area; that way it would be complete and no need to return and we could move on to another new area. Everyone was in agreement that they would try to do that at the next Clean Sweep.

Some of the residents/stakeholders saw the Committee working and said “thank you” for cleaning the area. Hopefully, we can get more community involvement the next time. Jaynee suggested that perhaps we do a flyer advising them we are working in the area and to please come out and help keep our community clean by volunteering for the clean up. Marina also suggested that perhaps we can also go door to door and personally ask them as well. This would be done approximately a week before the Clean Sweep so they will know we are working in their area.

Frank Klein stated that he will bring a chain saw at the next clean up as there were large tree limbs that needed to be cut.

Marina stated that Dave Brown said that we could contact the Devonshire Division PD and perhaps they can help block off the street for our protection. He will check into same and advise the committee.

It was also suggested that we obtain the large orange cones for safety purposes. Mike Khalid stated that he believes the LADWP would provide those to us at no charge. He will check into this and advise. Everyone is in agreement that this would be a good idea for safety purposes.

6. New business

a. Motion to approve Certificate of Appreciation to Home Depot

It was stated that Home Depot/Van Nuys provided their generous support of our Clean Sweep on 2-24 and provided us with items at no charge. We would like to provide them with a Certificate of Appreciation to the store manager.

Paul Wolpa commented that he felt this was a great idea. He goes into Home Depot quite often and spoke with the manager and thank her as a resident/stakeholder; she was very pleased and appreciated our patronage of their store. He was in agreement with the Certificate.

Motion made by Mike Majers, Amal Shahin second – vote unanimous – motion passes.

b. Discussion on future Clean Sweeps

It was discussed and decided to initiate a monthly clean up program which will be the last Sunday of every month. The meeting time will be at 8:30am for bagels and coffee and to coordinate the day’s work. The next Clean Sweep will be March 24th, 2013 and will be the completion from Roscoe up to Gothic. Of course there will be Holidays that will postpone the agreed upon date and it can be rescheduled when necessary.

It was stated that we will make an announcement at the GBM asking for volunteers for the next Clean Sweep on March 24th. And, in addition, an eblast will be sent to advise residents/stakeholders of same.

It was also stated that perhaps we could get the Monroe students to help out as well. Someone will have to contact them to find out the particulars. That would be a good way for the students to do community service; it’s a win-win for everyone.

7. Committee comments

It was decided to select April 11th for the next Beautification meeting, if the Library is available on that date; the board Secretary will check into this and advise the committee if it is available.

8. Meeting adjourns – moved by Mike Majers, second Jaynee Thorne, so moved 7:45pm