



Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee Agenda

**Friday, May 19, 2023
675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
9:00 a.m.**

Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee Members:

Membership:
City Council (2)
City Staff (1)
Public Member (3)

City Council	Julie Woodall - Chair
City Council	Amanda Carter
Public Member:	Ania Laniewski
Public Member:	Elizabeth Warren
Public Member:	Rey De La Cruz
Secretary:	Karen Dunham

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

D. REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

- 1) Approve Minutes of the April 7, 2023 Meeting
- 2) Discussion/Presentation from Portia Bramble (NCGA) and Nick Brown-Crawford (Night Market) on Establishment of Farmers Markets
- 3) Update on Proposed Mural Project on Douglas St. Tank
- 4) Discussion of Proposed Projects/Potential Areas for Improvement/Beautification
- 5) Items for Next Agenda

E. MEMBER REPORTS

F. ADJOURNMENT – Set date for next meeting

Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes



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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Dunham called roll for attendance. All members were present except Member Cruz.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public comments at this time.

REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

Update/Suggestions – Wildwood Ave. Gateway Project

Warren suggested matching trees be planted in the gateway; possibly flowering Cherry Trees with pink or white flowers.

Woodall suggested trees that grow up and not out such as the trees on the south end of the gateway.

Laniewski posed the idea of replacing the grass in the gateway with some type of ground cover.

Carter suggested that any existing trees replaced be relocated to another site.

Warren said that perhaps the trees could be relocated to the new Dog Park.

Woodall brought up upgrades to Memorial Park including expansion of Memorial Park signs.

Carter suggested low maintenance exercise equipment.

Discussion of Proposed Projects/Potential Areas for Improvement/Beautification

Mural Project for Douglas St. Tank

Dunham said that \$80,000 was allocated in the current year budget for repainting of the Douglas tank. Water/Roadways Superintendent Jensen indicated to her that it would not cost that much to repaint the tank and supported the idea of a mural on the front portion of the tank.

Woodall suggested the mural include perhaps an eagle or lumberjack and that the committee work with an artist to come up with potential designs. She suggested reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce for a list of artists used for the other murals. Members concurred.

Replanting of Flowers in Planter Box below City Hall Sign

Woodall suggested Petunias be planted in the flower box to be consistent with the same theme as the flowers throughout the downtown.

Other Proposed Projects

Woodall suggested the area near the north offramp into town be planted with Butterfly Bushes or California Poppies.

The committee discussed other potential areas for improvement including the city-owned parcel at 93 Monument Rd., the city right-of-way at Pacific Ave. and Monument Rd., and the Triangle Park.

Warren suggested trees be planted at 93 Monument Rd. to possibly help secure the land from further erosion.

Warren suggested wild flowers be planted in the city right-of-way at Pacific and Monument.

Woodall suggested bushes be planted behind the trees at Triangle Park.

Laniewski said that she would like to see projects that engage kids.

Carter mentioned a Silly Walk Zone where people would be recorded on social media and awarded for the silliest walk.

Woodall suggested climbing rose bushes along the fence at the south end of Riverside near Painter St.

Warren suggested Bruner Roses since deer don't eat them,

Warren brought up the idea of a plant exchange.

Laniewski commented that Root 101 was open to the idea of a plant/seed exchange.

Committee members liked the idea of establishing a Farmers Market in Rio Dell, perhaps at the Fire Hall.

Laniewski agreed to reach out to the North Coast Growers Association for information on Farmers Markets. She suggested the local Kiwanis Club be approached to help get people and kids involved.

Dunham reminded the Committee that the goal of the Committee is to come up with plans for beautification projects, provide a budget and potential source of funding and present the ideas to the City Council for consideration and/or approval.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee members agreed to contact an arborist regarding landscaping/trees in the gateway, obtain a list of artists for potential mural designs, and to put the idea of a bulb exchange on social media.

Laniewski agreed to reach out to a local artist that she knows and invite him to the next committee meeting.

Woodall suggested asking Public Works to clean the weeds out of the cracks in the sidewalks on Wildwood Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to the next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.