

Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee Agenda



**Friday, July 7, 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 June 2, 2023 Meeting
- 2) Update on Community Clean-Up Day
- 3) Update on Establishing Farmers' Markets
- 4) Discussion on 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 Members Cruz and Warren

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public comments at this time.

REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

Approve Minutes of the May 19, 2023 Meeting

Motion was made by Carter/Laniewski to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on Community Clean-Up Day

Sarah Reback from the Community Resource Center updated the committee on plans for a community clean-up day in the City. She said that the idea is to capitalize on bringing the community together (including homeless individuals) by organizing a community clean-up day perhaps on an upcoming Saturday.

She said that she purchased some grabbers and suggested everyone meet at the Community Resource Center for coffee and pastries before going out to pick up trash and pull weeds.

Amanda asked if this would be a reoccurring event.

Sarah said that the idea is to make it an annual event with this year's kick-off event to occur before Wildwood Days.

Sarah announced that next Friday (June 9th) from 2:30-5:00 is Garden Day where community volunteers will be helping to prepare the community garden located by the Rio Dell Baptist Church.

She indicated that they purchased vests with the words on the back of the vests, "Rio Dell Community Center – We Care."

Amanda said that in attending Cal Cities conferences, much of the focus is on getting homeless individuals involved in the clean-up of communities and it is becoming a big deal throughout California.

Sarah commented that it helps to build trust between the community and the homeless population.

Julie noted that she has gotten to know some of the homeless people in the community and they have thanked her for planning the flowers around town.

She asked for specifics on the clean-up day event.

Sarah said that she was thinking of perhaps starting at the north end of Wildwood Ave. at the freeway offramp and ending at the south end of Wildwood Ave. near the bridge.

Julie questioned liability concerns with volunteers working within City right-of-ways.

Karen explained that the City's insurance company only covers special events that are City sponsored.

Sarah indicated that the Chamber/Community Resource Center has insurance coverage for these types of events.

After further discussion, the date for the community clean-up was scheduled for July 29, 2023 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. with the cleanup beginning at City Hall and continuing south to the bridge.

Julie suggested Community Service Officer, Mary Clark be asked to concentrate on abating the vehicle that is parked on the vacant lot next to Red Eye Tattoo.

She volunteered to bring garbage bags for picking up trash and weeds.

Ania suggested green waste bins from Recology Eel River versus garbage bags.

It was determined that 5-gallon buckets with handles would be better.

Sarah commented that Humboldt Distillery provided buckets for cleanup of the beach and asked if anyone had any connections with them.

Ania agreed to contact Humboldt Distillery to see about the possibility of getting buckets donated.

The committee members agreed to meet again prior to the community clean-up event. The next meeting was scheduled for July 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Karen commented that the City would be sending a City Newsletter out before the end of the month and there may be space left to include a flyer about the community clean-up.

Sarah said that it would be nice to include a list of upcoming community events if possible.

Discussion of Proposed Projects/Potential Areas for Improvement/Beautification

The status on the survey regarding farmers markets was discussed.

Ania and Amanda agreed to follow up with Nick Brown-Crawford and Portia to see if the draft survey was available yet.

It was suggested the survey be included in the City's June Newsletter.

The committee members agreed to schedule a ride-along with Randy Jensen to identify areas around town in need of improvement.

There was brief discussion on establishing a cold storage facility.

Julie mentioned the idea of a facility at the Humboldt Rio Dell Business Park.

Committee members posed the idea of painting the windows of the empty store fronts. Ania noted that her daughter is an artist and would be happy to do it.

Items for Next Agenda

Items for the next agenda included an update on establishing Farmers Markets; and an update on the Community Clean-Up Day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. to the next meeting on July 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.