



Beautification, Walkability and Pride Committee Agenda

**Thursday, November 16, 2023
675 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
4:00 p.m.**

Beautification, Walkability, and Pride Committee Members:

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

Membership:

**City Council (2)
City Staff (1)
Public Member (3)**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

D. REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

- 1) Approve Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Meeting
- 2) Update on Recent Clean-Up Efforts for Davis St. Park
- 3) Discuss Proposed Projects/Potential Areas for Improvement/Beautification
- 3) Items for the 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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Dunham called roll for attendance. Members present were Carter, Laniewski, and Woodall. Absent were members Cruz and Warren (excused).

Another present was Secretary Dunham.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2023

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

Update on Farmers' Market Surveys

Secretary Dunham provided a spreadsheet on the results of the Farmers' Market Surveys. A total of 68 surveys were received to date with 64 respondents saying that they would attend a local farmers market, 2 saying that they would not, and 2 saying that they were unsure.

The most favorable location for holding the farmers market was Fireman's Park with no specific time or day of the week preferred with 33.83% of the respondents preferring the markets be held weekly. Other services requested were parking, restrooms, food stamp acceptance, food trucks, dining tables, seating areas, information booth, education events, and other miscellaneous services.

The products respondents were most interested in buying at the farmers' market were seasonal/locally grown fruits and vegetables, followed by fresh eggs, fresh herbs, milk, cheese, fresh baked goods, jellies/jams/honey/syrups, meats, and fresh flowers.

Julie said for clarification that the farmers' markets would not start until next year as it would be too late to get anything organized for this year.

Amanda suggested having 2-3 pop-up events perhaps on a Saturday from 11-2.

Ania suggested having them on Saturday at 3 p.m. or later with a band and offered to reach out to some of the local food trucks to gauge interest. She said that she would go to the Arcata farmers' market and get business cards from some of those vendors.

Julie pointed out that the farmers' market should be scheduled at different times than the other local markets.

Discuss Proposed Projects/Potential Areas for Improvement/Beautification

Karen mentioned that the committee needs to look at low-budget projects.

Julie posed the idea of planting wild flowers and poppies along City right-of-ways and by gutters.

Amanda brought up the idea of silly footprints on the sidewalks.

Ania mentioned the Farm Stand on Blue Slide Rd. and suggested information about the farm stand be provided to the Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in their monthly newsletter.

Ania left the meeting briefly to go to Root 101 and pick up free flower seeds.

Julie said that she would like to see flowers planted by the sign at the Baptist Church and suggested Sweet Peas be planted to climb up the church fence. She also suggested organizing a volunteer group to clean up the Davis St. Park including removal of the wind screen at the tennis courts. She then brought up the idea of turning the tennis courts into a pickle ball court.

Amanda thought it would be a good idea to power wash the white railing on the Rio Dell-Scotia bridge. She also agreed to talk to Sarah Reback at the Community Resource Center about getting volunteers to work on cleaning up the Davis St. Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.