

**Clean & Beautiful Committee**  
**February 2, 2011**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Jeff Deelstra Co-Chair  
Pat Deelstra Co-Chair  
Brenda Clark Vice Chair  
Karin Alexander  
Brian Blank  
Tim Chezem  
Lisa Rene Jones  
Mathew Lovato  
Janusz Wojtanowicz  
Jola Wojtanowicz

**Excused Committee Members:**

**Absent Committee Members:**

Carolyn Workman

**Staff Members Present:**

Craig Thomas  
Cathie Alberico

President, Jeff Deelstra, brought the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

An updated handout was passed out about Urban Gardens.

Lisa Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2011. Jola Wojtanowicz seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

**Small Yearly Beautification Project Update**

The Committee is reminded that they are always welcome to suggest projects or ideas for service projects.

Matt- checked out the area where the tree-planting project is to take place on 7200 West. We need to contact, Darin Nerdin, WVC Forester for more information. Matt is interested in learning more about the tree-planting project, how much effort it will require, is it a manual dig? Will there be any machinery? **The committee will ask Owen to keep in touch with Darin regarding the tree-planting project.**

Craig suggested a couple of other project ideas: At UCCC- roundabout, needs improvement ideas- possibly xeriscaped, there are flowerbeds and large planters; that the staff of UCCC have been planted at their personal

expense. We could possibly help with that. The Decker Lake planters- Craig added, that Parks installed them. Everything should be available, water, power, lights etc.; there are three raised planters. At one time shrubs and ground cover were planted but never maintained. They are located at the corner where UPS and Franklin are. Lisa Jones added that she drives by that area everyday so she could check it on a daily basis. It would be a small, manageable project. **Craig will contact the Parks department for suggestions.**

Matt will try to plan a subcommittee meeting in the near future and hopes to solicit some more volunteers.

### **Urban Gardens**

Karin and Brian met at 4:30 on February 2, 2011. The next meeting will be March 2, 2011, the same day as our regular meeting. They will meet in the lobby of City Hall, if there are no conflicts with holding the meeting there. Brian is going to draft a mission statement and objectives for the subcommittee. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting. Some of the ideas discussed today were: educating the public about urban gardens; providing resource information for urban gardens, and how to get the basic information out, something for the website- a paragraph or cover page to describe an urban garden and the handout that Karin compiled. Karin is in contact with Wasatch Community Gardens; she is waiting on more information from them. Craig suggested a FAQ page, (frequently asked questions.) Frequently asked questions should answer the following questions: Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why. The subcommittee will work on an FAQ page. Karin also had some information about different community garden job descriptions, sample lease agreements, and possible presentations to community members. Karin expressed the concern about the cost of copying or printing handout information. The PR copy machine is available to Committee members; the Committee would be billed for the paper. Karin inquired about mailing information out to interested parties, we can make arrangements to mail something out, or have it picked up at our office in City Hall. Karin asked to store copies of information in the PR office. Karin is willing to work on a pamphlet or a tri-fold with the FAQ information. Craig added that if we were to find a sponsor, the cost of printing a brochure would be around \$300.00, for 2,500. Staff is willing to assist in the development of this document. The information could be passed out at WestFest and the National Night Out against crime events.

Karin asked that the pdf of the map of vacant property be sent out to Committee members.

Lisa asked the committee if they are interested in starting a small urban garden, to be used as a demonstration or exhibit garden. Karin said you should ask the question is there a need for a garden, and that a dedicated group of people and funds would be needed to get a garden started. There was no real consensus from the Committee. Perhaps a church group or a food pantry within our boundaries that expressed a need, the committee could assist them. A discussion about different gardens seen in the vicinity ensued. Matt mentioned a garden he had seen on Sunshine Drive, at approximately 3500 South, and north on 5600 West, it is next to a LDS church. Brian mentioned the raised planter boxes at the Kelly Benson Apartments at 3100 South, just east of Bangerter. Salt Lake County tried to start a garden at the Redwood Recreation Center and wasn't successful. At one time Granger Christian Church had a community garden, they have relocated to 4100 S and 3200 West, they may have some experience with gardens. They are a very civic-minded organization and are great to work with. The Decker Lake juvenile facility was suggested. There is a garden at the Bishop Store on 7200 West and 3100 South that is quite large. It would be worth taking the time to tour some of these gardens for ideas, the Jordan Valley Conservancy District, in West Jordan, have demonstration gardens also. Other sites to be considered could be owned by GHID or Kearns Improve District. Brenda suggested the Committee take pictures of these gardens and put them on the website.

### **Education Subcommittee**

Jeff is in the process of setting up a meeting for February 7, 2011, and will update the Committee at the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### Solicitation Letter

A letter, or request for donations is needed for the Committee to be used when soliciting donations for Committee projects. **Staff will find out what our legal limitations or requirements are, and if we can advertise or endorse a local business or for profit event, in any of our publications, etc.**

Jeff suggested that the Committee be given some do's and don'ts for anyone who might be asking for donations, or partnerships.

Staff will be glad to double-check any resource information, such as links to other nonprofit organizations, etc. to be used on our website or publications.

Pat mentioned the WVC Dumpster program; contact Ray Hinkle in the Sanitation department at 801-955-3723. He is taking reservations now for dumpster delivery for neighborhood cleanup. One dumpster is delivered for every 100 homes up to ten dumpsters. Anyone can request the dumpsters, the person who orders the dumpsters takes on the responsibility of passing out flyers to each home, and they keep in touch with the Waste removal company to remove dumpsters as they fill. Also don't forget WVC has a bulky waste day, once a month, remember the three "B's" when using bulky waste; it must be Bagged, Boxed or Bundled.

After discussing the dumpster program, Karin suggested to Matt that as a Committee, we could clean up vacant lots, problem areas etc. as a service project, if we can get the support of the City with a dumpster. The idea was well accepted, especially if we notified all the surrounding neighbors to join in and help out. Staff will discuss this with Ray.

### **Agenda Items to consider for the next meeting**

**WestFest** dates are June 23 through June 26, 2011

**National Night Out (NNO)** Kick off is August 1, 2011

Clean and Beautiful Yard Awards

Set dates for judging and awards ceremony

Discuss Committee Budget

Contact the Deelstra's or Cathie if you have anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.