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**CITY OF OREM
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Minutes
August 24, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Aaron Orullian	Chair
Carol Manwaring	Vice Chair
Rhonda Wilkinson	
Jim & Barbara Campbell	
Sean Orullian	
Gayla Muir	
Phebe Hawkes	
Brent Sumner	City Council Representative
Reed Price	Staff Support
Lauren Gibb	Clerical

ABSENT:

Rhonda Wilkinson
Phebe Hawkes

Aaron Orullian called the meeting to order. He *asked for a motion to approve* the minutes from June 2015. Carol Manwaring *made a motion to approve* the minutes. Jim Campbell *seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.* In the “unofficial” July minutes, it was corrected that the pictures need to be e-mailed to Lauren, who would send them to Campbell’s to post on the bulletin board, and also be set aside for the presentation to the commission in January or February. Jim also said he would take a picture of the planter in front of the City Center, along State Street.

In other news, there are two new members, Chelsea Young and Sharalyn Bennett, who will be sworn in at the next City Council meeting (August 25th). Aaron announces that he has been called on a full time service mission, and may need to step down from his position as Commission Chair. It was brought up that he is a great and important member of the Beautification Commission, and if it is possible for him to do the mission and continue to serve on the commission, that would be ideal.

Carol asked for an update on who has paid for the flower pots. Reed said he would look in to it and follow up. Carol stated that the cost of the flower pots might not have been covered all the way, and that the commission might not want to commit to more flower pots, and might want to take a look at the Adopt-a-Pot plan come January. They looked great, Carol expressed concern committing to something that the commission doesn’t have funds for. They did mention that many of the pots did look great, especially Carol’s Copy and Chick-fil-A. Aaron asked that we take a moment to look at the budget. To have to raise funds for something already purchased is a lot of pressure on the commission Cook’s committed to the pot of the price for one year. 1/3 of the price of the pot was paid for out of Beautification’s special fund. Last year (2014), the City paid for the hanging baskets, and they did not this year. Carol stated it would be great if they

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could convince the mayor to pay for the hanging baskets for 2016, which would leave extra money toward the pots. Between hanging pots and Adopt-a-Pot, the hanging parts are a stronger tradition. It was also mentioned that the hanging pots were taken down due to the high heat and the flowers not looking great. Since they did not last, the storytelling festival will not be using them to decorate the Timpanogos Park area.

As far as projects for next year go, Aaron would like to see something happen around 400 N, east of 1200 W. Some more trees would look nice, possibly in connection with Arbor Day (which will be on April 29th in 2016). Whatever happens on along Center St would probably do well in that same area. Reed stated that the City is waiting to see what the private development that is going in along Center Street, east of 1200 West, is going to do. The private development is on the north side of the street, and the City has control over the slope on the south side. If the private development is able to successfully make something happen there, the City will consider duplicating it. Gayla mentioned that the freeway entrances with the rock patterns look very attractive. The slope of the land is what makes that area difficult. Sean also mentioned that the sign along State Street, heading down in to Provo, doesn't look great, and could use some maintenance. Carol mentioned that Laura Bascom should know about it. Reed said he would mention it that he could see if she could get that "bumped up" on her list. It was mentioned that Laura has done a great job with the flower beds in front of the Public Works building. Gayla mentioned that the City's cemetery sign needs some repairs done, and Reed said he would have staff look in to it.

Barbara expressed some concern with the state street plan to take out the middle lane, add trees along the side, etc. She doesn't think it's a good idea.

Carol Manwaring called the meeting to a close. Aaron Orullian *asked for a motion to close the meeting*. Carol Manwaring *made a motion to close the meeting*. Barbara Campbell *seconded the motion*. *Motion passed unanimously*