

MINUTES
REEDLEY STREETScape MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

The agenda for the Streetscape Maintenance Committee Meeting of September 14, 1999, was duly posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

A regular meeting of the Streetscape Maintenance Committee was held September 14, 1999, in the Reedley City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.

Members Present: Jan Minami, Richard Bedoian.

Members Absent: Dale Melville.

Staff Present: Michael Olmos, Community Development Director; Jeff Viau, Public Works Supervisor; and Kay Pierce, Secretary.

Others Present: Sandy Cox of Loeffler Landscape Maintenance.

C. Bedoian moved, C. Minami seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 3, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY

A. Sandra Cox of Loeffler Landscape Maintenance stated that everything seems to be doing alright, except the three pots that got knocked over at 11th and "G". They tried to save the flowers, but there wasn't any water to them for over five days because the irrigation line was broken. New flowers will be planted in the three pots as well as new gazania for filling in the tree planters before Fiesta. She mentioned that the small pot at 11th and "G" located near the insurance company is not very steady. Staff will look into this.

Jan Minami asked if there isn't some way to anchor the smaller pots so they cannot be turned over. Staff suggested anchoring the pots with heavy rebar by placing the rebar down through the middle of the pots. The pots could still be moved, but not knocked completely over. If further vandalism occurs, Staff will find a way to anchor the pots.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Richard Bedoian checked on the name plates ordered for the new benches. The bench in front of Sam's Shoe Store is completely gone. He will order another from Winner's World. The Public Works Department will install the name plates.

B. Richard Bedoian is waiting to hear from Dale Melville regarding the chemical he uses to remove gum from the sidewalks.

C. Jan Minami stated that the request to have the Fire Department hose the downtown area got a little messed. They did hose down the downtown area, but didn't notify the business owners first. It was originally going to be scheduled for Thursday, September 26th, right after Farmer's Market, so that there would be maximum impact so the RDA could get as many business owners as possible out there with push brooms to sweep up after they hosed down, but the Fire Department hosed down a week and half before that date it was going to be scheduled. RDA has talked about doing an event where the businesses bring food and get all the business owners out there with brooms and hose and sweep and get the chemical for the gum removal. They would like to schedule this twice a year; before Street Faire and before Taste of the Town.

Jan Minami asked if anyone knew how to remove grease from the sidewalk in front of her store? Community Development Director Olmos recommended Blaze degreaser that is used by the City Mechanic in the disposal trucks. Staff will look into this.

D. Richard Bedoian asked for an update on the lights poles from the City of Fowler. Community Development Director Olmos stated that he contacted PG&E and was told that PG&E will work with the City if and when we ever want to replace the street light poles. We would go on a different rate schedule depending upon the equipment owned by PG&E or the City. The bad news is that the City Manager of Fowler told him that their Council is rethinking selling the excess poles they have because they might want to do other projects where they could use the lights. He will get a decision on the poles and get back to Mike Olmos. The price per pole would be approximately \$1,800 per pole, which have double headed lights. He will write Fowler a letter letting them know that Reedley is interested in purchasing the light poles.

E. Jan Minami gave an update on the "no skateboarding" which is stenciled on the sidewalks downtown. Chief Doug Johnson attended an RDA meeting and told the RDA that the reason the sidewalks are painted "no skateboard" is because the signs on poles are not adequate because they don't cover the entire area. RDA does not like the white stenciling on the sidewalks. Perhaps if the stenciling was done in dark green instead of white, it would stand out from across the street. It has been difficult to cite skateboarders in the past because there are not enough police officers to patrol downtown. However, there is now a School Resource Officer who is supposed to try to be wherever the kids are when school is released. Hopefully, the presence of an officer will deter the skateboarders. The school resource officer could also talk to the kids at school whenever he is giving presentations and remind them about no skateboarding downtown.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS

A. Community Development Director Olmos reported to the Committee that the Historical Society has requested that an old stone drinking fountain owned by the Women's Temperance Society back in the early 20's be installed in Pioneer Park. It has been refurbished and the Public Works crew is going to install this fountain in Pioneer Park.

B. The fact that the downtown clock is not working again was brought up. Staff volunteered to call Bobby Thatcher who fixed the clock in the past. The Committee members stated that the Downtown Association should be responsible for contacting Mr. Thatcher regarding fixing the clock because it isn't the responsibility of the Streetscape Committee to fix the clock since the Downtown Association has funds budgeted from the City to maintain this clock. Staff gave the phone number to a Committee member to pass on to the Downtown Association.

There is also a retired jeweler in Dinuba who could possibly fix the clock.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m. The next meeting will be held on October 12, 1999.

Richard Bedoian, Chairman
Streetscape Maintenance Committee

ATTEST:

Michael Olmos, Secretary