Beautification Committee
RDA Conference Room
608 Heber Avenue
Calexico, CA 92231
October 13, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Members:	**Director:**	**Secretary:**
Carmen Estrada	Nick Servin	Luz E. Villanueva
Angel Esparza	P.W. Director/Engineer	
Maria L. Juarez		
Esther A. Marquez		

AGENDA

Call to Order and attendance:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

Public comments/announcements on non- agenda items:

This is a public meeting. If there is an item not on the agenda on which you wish to be heard, you may do so at this time.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes for meeting of May 12, 2015.

Business:

1. Beautification Committee Attendance Report – Jan. to October 2015.
2. Reorganization of Beautification Committee. (Chair C. Estrada)

Comments by Commissioners:

Adjournment:

Next regular meeting date is Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2015, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CITY OF CALEXICO HOUSING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Gabriela Garcia, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone present was led into the Pledge of Allegiance by Nick Servin, Public Works Director/City Engineer.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carmen Estrada, Chair
Maria L. Juarez, Commissioner
Karla Flores, Commissioner
Esther A. Marquez, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Angel Esparza, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Nick Servin, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Luz E. Villanueva, Beautification Committee Secretary

GUEST: Joe Acuna, Advance Service Landscape

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Comm. K. Flores and seconded by Comm. M. Juarez to approve the Agenda as presented. Vote to wit:

Ayes:	Chair C. Estrada, Comm. M. Juarez, Comm. K. Flores & Comm. E. Marquez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Comm. A. Esparza

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Comm. K. Flores and seconded by Comm. E. Marquez to approve the Minutes for meeting of April 8, 2014, as presented. Vote to wit:

Ayes:	Chair C. Estrada, Comm. M. Juarez, Comm. K. Flores & Comm. E. Marquez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Comm. A. Esparza

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

BUSINESS:

1.) Official Swearing-in of all Beautification Committee Members by City Clerk Gabriela Garcia:

All members present raised their right hand and were asked to repeat after the City Clerk who recited the City of Calexico, County of Imperial Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance for Public Officers and Employees. After being officially sworn in, they were all given their certificate.

2.) Beautification Committee Attendance Report – Jan. to June 2015:

City Clerk, Gabriela Garcia, went over Chapter 2.19.020 – Vacancies and Removal of Members of Ordinance 1159 specifically Sections B and C. These sections address absences from committee members. She advised that an attendance report would be presented as an informational item at every meeting to keep everyone informed.

3.) AB 1234 Ethics Training for Beautification Committee Members:

City Clerk, Gabriela Garcia, explained to the members present that the City Council had ordained that all members of a commission, board or committee take the mandatory training. She further explained this training was two hours long. She gave the website address so they could take it from the comfort of their home or they could use the City Clerk's office to come and take the training there. The deadline for taking this training is within the next two weeks.

4.) Public Signing of the City of Calexico Code of Ethics by the Beautification Committee Members:

City Clerk, Gabriela Garcia, advised all members present that on February 3, 2015, the Calexico City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2015-08, adopting a Code of Ethics for the members of the City Council and for the members of all Boards, Committees and Commissions appointed by the City Council. On February 17, 2015, the City Council publicly signed the Code of Ethics and requires that all Commissions, Boards and Committees does the same. Ms. Garcia assigned a section of the Code of Ethics to be read out loud by each member present. After the entire Code of Ethics was read out loud by all members present, they all signed it and turned it in to the City Clerk.

5.) Discussion – Cleaning of All Entry-ways to the City of Calexico:

Mr. Servin, Public Works Director/City Engineer, advised City needs permission from Cal-Trans to clean the entry-ways to the City due to them being in State Highway jurisdiction. He informed everyone there that the State has an Adopt-A-Highway Program that they could apply for and get in as a group and plan clean up days to maintain those areas of concern. He offered to bring back more information on this program to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6.) Comments by Commissioners:

Chair C. Estrada informed everyone present at the meeting that she has been working on planting trees at various parks to provide shade for all the children who play and practice at those parks since currently they do not have any kind of shade. She advised that the goal is to plant 50 trees at the Andrade & 5th retention basin. As of right now they have already planted 30 trees they still need 20 trees. Each tree cost $50.00. Chair C. Estrada invited everyone to attend a tree planting event the C-PAL is having on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the 5th and Andrade and Daniel Gutierrez Fields.

Comm. K. Flores commented she wants to be realistic about the tree planting and maintaining of the trees after they are planted. She explained the City does not have the man power to take care of all these trees. Another idea could be to install tarps or shades of some sort. These items do not require constant watering or maintenance.

Comm. E. Marquez commented another idea could be to get children involved making the tree planting a fun project for them. Also get the community involved. Have the person or group that donated the tree be held responsible for the watering and maintenance of the tree.

Mr. Servin is to bring back the following items for the June 9, 2015, meeting: The Adopt-A-Highway Program information packet, a map of all entrances to the City and a list of businesses in Calexico.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Carmen Estrada, Chair

Next regular meeting date is Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER
JANAURY TO JUNE 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	01/13/2015 MEETING DATE:	2/10/2015 MEETING DATE:	3/10/2015 MEETING DATE:	4/14/2015 MEETING DATE:	5/12/2015 MEETING DATE:	6/09/2015 MEETING DATE:
Carmen Estrada	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	PRESENT	N.M.
Angel Esparza	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	ABSENT	N.M.
Maria L. Juarez	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	PRESENT	N.M.
Karla Flores	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	PRESENT	N.M.
Esther Alicia Marquez	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.	PRESENT	N.M.

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER
JULY TO DECEMBER 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	07/14/2015 MEETING DATE:	08/11/2015 MEETING DATE:	09/08/2015 MEETING DATE:	10/13/2015 MEETING DATE:	11/10/2015 MEETING DATE:	12/08/2015 MEETING DATE:
Carmen Estrada	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.			
Angel Esparza	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.			
Maria L. Juarez	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.			
Karla Flores (Resigned)	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.			
Esther Alicia Marquez	N.M.	N.M.	N.M.			

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