



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Beautification Commission Minutes
October 28, 2024, 9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Councilman, Ward II Matthew Trollinger
Shannon Wang
Lynne Wheeler
Jessica McConnell

ABSENT: Fallesen

TOWN STAFF: Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services

GUESTS: See Roster

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

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Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on August 26, 2024.

Moved By: Shannon Wang, seconded by Lynne Wheeler.
Wang moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Passed Unanimously

3. Matters of Discussion

3.1. Workgroup Reports

- Arts Workgroup
 - Bird City
 - Litter Bees
 - Cultivating Community
 - Sustainable Maryland
 - Other Activities
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- Arts Workgroup (Wang):
 - Crosswalk art proposals should be completed within the next month
 - Is pursuing a planning grant from the Maryland State Arts Commission to develop the Firehouse Museum mural
 - Awaiting last two applications for the La Plata license plate
 - Bird City (Wheeler):
 - A two-part series of Birding 101 workshops is planned for the College of Southern Maryland campus
 - "Paint the Town with Pollinators" event is planned for Pollinator Week in June 2025. Organizations to be invited: Wild Ones, Port Tobacco River Conservancy, EcoBay Landscaping, BonaTerra
 - Litter Bees (McConnell):
 - The next community litter pickup is scheduled for Nov. 3, 9-11AM, starting from the Dorchester Community Center.
 - The December community litter pickup will be on Kent Ave.
 - The 2025 Community Litter Pickup schedule should be ready for KLPB's next meeting.
 - Cultivating Community (Phipps): A schedule similar to the community litter pickup schedule will be prepared to provide regular public participation in pollinator garden maintenance.
 - Sustainable Maryland (Phipps): The final revised application has been submitted and tentatively approved.

Moved By: Shannon Wang, seconded by Lynne Wheeler.

Wang moved to approve up to \$500 towards directional signs and an event banner for the June pollinator event.

Passed Unanimously

3.2. Public Space Improvement Grant Application - Christ Church Native Planting

Moved By: Shannon Wang, seconded by Matthew Trollinger.

Wang moved to Approve grant application as presented.

Passed Unanimously

3.3. Public Space Improvement Grant - Clarks Run Community Garden

Moved By: Matthew Trollinger, seconded by Shannon Wang.

Councilman, Ward II Trollinger moved to approve with conditions: A planting plan and list of plants must be provided prior to issuing grant funding.

Passed Unanimously

3.4. New Initiatives

- Online Shop
 - Additional Trash Cans
 - Pet Waste Stations
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- Online Shop: The Commission agreed that initial merchandise should include the Wildlife Habitat program design and the Keep La Plata Beautiful logo. Director Phipps will investigate how to connect the CafePress online shop to a Town account.
 - Additional Trash Can: The Commission identified the following potential locations for additional trash receptacles, along existing collection routes: Bird City Pocket Park; Intersection of Glen Albin Rd. & Oak Ave.; 6 Saint Marys Ave; Intersection of Glen Albin Rd. & Saint Marys Ave; Crosswalk to Milton Summers Middle School; potentially in front of Landon's Ices and Creams
 - Pet Waste Stations: A resident has expressed a need for pet waste stations in public locations. Pet waste stations could be installed on additional trash cans for convenience.

4. Matters of Information

4.1. Council Report

Councilman Trollinger had no report from the Town Council. The Commission came to a consensus that the member who has not been attending meeting or responding to email should be contacted to verify continued interest and given one week to respond. In the absence of a response, the Commission recommended removal of that member from the Commission.

4.2. Staff Report

Director Phipps informed the Commission of the transition from CivicWeb to AMM Select on January 1, 2025.

5. Adjourn

5.1. Adjournment

Moved By: Jessica McConnell, seconded by Shannon Wang.
McConnell moved to adjourn at 9:52 AM..

Passed Unanimously

5.2. Next Meeting: November 25, 2024, 9:00 AM

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk