

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 PM the El Paso City Council Beautification Committee met at City Hall.

Present were Committee members Jennie Kearney, Ellen Rigsby and Ken Faulk. Others present were Jack Hickok, Dave Fever and Mary Ellen Kilpatrick.

The Committee discussed the best way to move forward with the Public Right of way tree planting policy. Jack Hickok will contact Terry Everett to see if he can come to the next meeting. Discussions were had about size and type of trees and acceptable locations with consideration of overhead and underground utilities. It was noted that the residents like trees and want to continue to plant trees on the right of way. More discussion on this subject will be on the next Committee agenda

There was also discussion about the sign at I-39 North. Jack will have Casey remove the current sign because it is in bad condition. Also discussed was whether to replace the sign at all. We are currently waiting on IDOT to confirm if the bushes in front of the sign will be cut back or possibly removed for better visibility. Jack will follow up with IDOT.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of Volunteers helping clean up properties that are of concern due to overgrown shrubs, tall grass and leaves needing raked. Several Church groups and other groups have been contacted and are willing to help on a weekend in late October. The City will furnish garbage bags and bag pickup when done. This is intended to be an event that could take place one day in the fall and possibly one day in the Spring. It is not intended to be an ongoing summer responsibility of the City or volunteers. It is set up to help people that need some help and are not able to do this type of work themselves. Ellen Rigsby is coordinating this event.

General appearance of the city overall was felt to be improving but Trailer parks are still a concern as well as several un occupied homes. The Police will work toward resolutions of these concerns.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM

Notes respectfully submitted by Jack Hickok, Director of Public Service