

Sky Valley Landscaping Advisory Committee

March 2, 2023 Minutes

Present: Cheryl Beckert, Debbie McAfee, Glen McLendon, Debbie Dalhouse Curtis

Absent: Sara Mac Germano

Cheryl Beckert convened the meeting at 10 a.m.; adjourned at 11 a.m. at the City Pavilion

The group discussed planting recommendations for existing areas and possible future locations. A follow-up meeting will be held with Mark Wanamaker, the City landscaper, tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. March 20 at the new City Hall.

Front entrance

- Cheryl will work with Mark to select annual flowers for the front entrance
- Replacement pollinator plants are needed in the tear-drop island: black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*), cone flower (*Echinacea*) and bee balm (*Monarda*)
- Cheryl will ask the City to install irrigation for the planters on the front entrance wall

Post Office

Before the committee can develop planting recommendations, Cheryl will ask City Manager Jason Streetman about:

- Location and schedule for mailbox expansion
- Location of a bench in memory of Bob Powers
- Moving the boxwoods in front of the Post Office to the side of the restrooms if new mailboxes are added to the front of the building
- Removing the Bradford pears on the hill behind the Post Office

City Park Restroom Planters

- Carolina jessamine and abelia shrubs are in good shape; no additions needed

New City Hall

- Committee will visit on March 20 with Mark Wanamaker to discuss needs

Current City Hall / New Police and Public Works Offices

- No additional plants needed

Road entrances

- Committee members will review plantings later this spring at Rebel Circle, Sky High, Peak and Peek, Winding Ridge and Driver Lane; but do not expect significant additional planting will be needed
- The Garden Club plans to add plants at the junction of Sky Valley Way and Ridgepole (possibly hosta and ferns)

Additional locations

- The Garden Club donated plants at the LaBelle/Ridgepole rock; a resident added a rock border and improved the mulch around the plants; Glen McLendon will monitor this spring to see if additional plants are needed
- The Garden Club plans to donate 10 cherry trees every year along Sky Valley Way
- The new bridge on Sky Valley Way could benefit from low-growing evergreens and flowers; specific recommendations to come
- Several residents have offered to donate hosta, daylilies, daffodils and other plants; the Garden Club will decide on specific plants and locations

Funding

- The City contracts with Mark Wanamaker for annual maintenance (mowing, mulching, weeding, fertilizing, etc.) and planting flowers at the front entrance
- The Garden Club and Property Owners Association will donate funds if needed to purchase additional plants. The Property Owners Association agrees to match the Garden Club funds up to a maximum of \$1,500.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Dalhouse Curtis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.