

Sky Valley
Landscaping Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
2:00 PM
Sky Valley City Hall
(3608 Highway 246)

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2024**
- 3. Review of 2024 Projects**
- 4. Discussion of 2025 Projects**
 - a. Use of Native Plants vs Non- Natives**
 - b. Plantings in existing areas**
 - c. New Projects**
 - d. Funding of Projects**
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Time and Date of next meeting**
- 7. Adjourn**

Sky Valley Landscaping Advisory Committee

April 4, 2024 Minutes

Present: Cheryl Beckert, chair; and committee members Debbie McAfee, Don Rice, Cathy Turner, and Debbie Dalhouse Curtis

Absent: Becky Whitehead

CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Beckert called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. at the City Pavilion. After a brief observation of planting needs the group moved to City Hall for discussion.

Minutes of the March 7 meeting were approved; motion by Debbie McAfee and second by Cathy Turner.

REVIEW OF 2024 PROJECTS A. Rescue at Evergreen rock

City Public Works staff located utilities and brought a load of leaf mulch. Don Rice volunteered to till the area and plant flowers and shrubs donated by him and the Garden Club. In case the Evergreen is widened in the future, it was recommended that flower plantings be limited to a 4' to 6' diameter behind the rock with a cherry tree and azaleas and hydrangeas between the flower bed and the pine trees. The Garden Club is donating the cherry tree and Don Rice is donating the azalea and hydrangea shrubs.

B. Pavilion and Pickle Ball Courts

Don Rice will donate and plant two groupings of ornamental grasses at the front two corners of the City Pavilion facing the street. At mature size, the planted area should be less than 4' diameter to allow pedestrian traffic. The grass height at maturity is approximately 30" before the flowers bloom. In addition, one ornamental grass planting will be at the corner of the pickle ball court closest to the street and facing the pavilion. Cheryl Beckert will confirm with the City if it is permissible to plant a small to medium-sized shrub, such as false cypress, as a screen in front of the electric box beside the pavilion.

C. Post Office

Mark Wanamaker will plant annual flowers in front of the Post Office after the threat of frost has passed. Cheryl Beckert will ask him to remove the three dying mountain laurel shrubs on the pavilion side of the Post Office. She will also ask him to plant daylilies on the hill behind the Post Office as they are thinned from the plots in front of the building. Don Rice suggested that pampas grass could also be planted on the hill as it is thinned from beside the Post Office.

D. Pond at Time Shares Maintenance Building

Don Rice requested that City Public Works staff remove the invasive shrubs growing on the side of the pond across from the Timeshares maintenance building. (This was accomplished on April 9.)

E. Street Corners

Cheryl Beckert reported that the Garden Club would visit the corner of Driver Lane and Eagle Circle to determine if additional plants are needed. Cathy Turner offered to donate pachysandra plants for the corner of Ridgepole and Sky Valley Way.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the City Pavilion.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m. with a motion by Cathy Turner and second by Debbie Dalhouse Curtis.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis