

## **Bloomfield Beautification Committee**

Minutes – November 25, 2025      Meeting called to order at 5:37pm

Attendance: Present: Sharon, Rise, Claire, Ruth and Beverly

Absent: Gwen, Ruthie, Mary, Peter, and Brian

Minutes were read and approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Trees (Trees for Free Project) planted in 2024 and 2025 inspections will occur in May 2026. Photo Contest Winners for TFB will hold event Dec. 16 at 330 Park at 6 pm.
- Scarecrows were put on hold and will be reconsidered in 2026. Project will be discussed at February meeting for consideration.
- A calendar of BBC activities for 2026 was discussed. Calendar will be sent to all volunteers to review and additional comments or projects are requested. Committee should bring any additional ideas to January meeting. The BBC calendar of maintenance garden work and projects will be discussed and confirmed by all in January.
- Cleanups of remaining beds to be scheduled. Wreaths will be hung at Town Hall on either side of the Pergola entry, 8 holiday baskets with greens and winterberry will be hung on double hooks so they are at eye level. The ceramic planter will be moved to the Sally port for the winter. Grapevine deer will be installed by DPW in the conifer garden for December – February. 5 planters at Human Services Building had greens installed amongst the permanent plantings and all upright ewes will have solar lights from December – February. A special small red truck with boxwood and winterberry will be delivered to DPW in appreciation for all their support and help.

### **New Business:**

- DPW: Bart was not present. No report.
- Annual holiday potluck brunch is scheduled for January 11, 2026 for members. Potluck to include garden related wrapped gift exchange valued at \$25 or less. Invites go out Dec. 11.
- Beverly will take charge of calling people who have expressed an interest in volunteering with BBC.
- Meeting location will remain the same for 2026. Members and volunteers should note that BBC meets the fourth Tuesday of every month but December at 5:30pm at Town Hall.
- We should each send ideas to Sharon for public garden talks to be held at the new library. Ideas suggested so far:
  - a) Pollinator pathways talk.
  - b) Workshop on tool sharpening.
- Sharon has set up a meeting with the Deputy Town Manager, and others to discuss a 3-5-year land management plan for Bloomfield. The importance of hiring a garden professional to work with oversight and management of public garden spaces will also be discussed.

Claire moved to adjourn. Seconded by Beverly. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm