

**MINUTES**  
**REEDLEY STREETScape MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 10, 2000**

The agenda for the Streetscape Maintenance Committee Meeting of October 10, 2000, was duly posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

A regular meeting of the Streetscape Maintenance Committee was held on October 10, 2000, in the Reedley City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

Members Present: Richard Bedoian and Dale Melville.

Members Absent: Jan Minami.

Staff Present: Andrew Benelli, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Jeff Viau, Public Works Superintendent; and Kay Pierce, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: George Cole of Herbalife Distributors.

Richard Bedoian moved, Dale Melville seconded, to approve the minutes from September 12, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT ON MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY**

A. The irrigation system seems to be coming on at the times set by Loeffler Landscape Maintenance. Loeffler also replaced two trees that died; one in front of Reedley Social Services, which was run over by a vehicle and the second one farther down the street to the east. No labor was charged for the tree installation and the cost of the trees were \$22 each. The new bench in front of Reedley Social Services was also destroyed. Staff will contact Finance to see if the Police Department turned in a report to Sylvia Plata to collect reimbursement for the bench from the insurance company.

B. The drilling of additional holes in the bottom of several pots seems to be working well and they are draining.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None.

A. Letter received from George Cole, owner of Herbalife Distributors, is requesting credit for two months service on his Streetscape bill. The letter states that they were not opened for business during November and December of 1999, because they were waiting for the City to process their business license application and for their Certificate of Occupancy. Richard Bedoian stated that the streetscape fee is not charged to the business until the business is actually opened. After a short discussion, Dale

Melville moved, Richard Bedoian seconded to grant the two month credit as requested by Mr. Cole. Motion carried unanimously. This information will be passed along to Finance.

**CITIZEN REMARKS** - None

**COMMITTEE / STAFF COMMENTS / REPORTS**

A. Jeff Viau asked staff to look into the price of teal or mahogany slats for the new bench as oak does not weather very well.

B. Jeff Viau stated that several business owners downtown made a request for some additional trash cans placed in the downtown area such as one additional can per block. The last time cans were purchased for downtown they were \$400 a piece. The original cans were purchased with a grant. Ten additional cans were purchased at cost 8 or 9 years ago. The consensus was to request that the Community Development Department purchase an additional six cans for the downtown area. Jeff Viau will look into pricing and a source for the cans. The cans are emptied every Saturday, sometimes sooner if needed.

C. Jeff Viau reported to the Committee that Mr. Schellenberg of Reedley Auto Sales has asked that the city remove the magnolia trees in front of his business be removed. City Engineer Benelli stated that has also been asked this same request. Mr. Schellenberg stated that the magnolia trees are messy, dirty, ugly and block his sign, among other things. He really doesn't want any trees planted in front of his business, but something must be planted. It was suggested to replace the trees on the block between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> since several of the magnolia trees are scheduled for removal. They will be replaced with either hackberry or Pistache. Jeff Viau stated that he is having problems with the magnolia trees lifting the sidewalk in front of Bank of America. City Engineer Benelli will check the budget to check on how much money is available for tree removal. The Public Works Department can remove the trees, remove the stump and maintain the irrigation lines to keep costs down. Loeffler Landscape would then be responsible for just the tree and the tree planting.

D. Jeff Viau also mentioned that, although this might be an RDA item, the Christmas decorations are in very poor shape. The RDA mentioned to Jeff that Immanuel High School could make some metal frames for new decorations. Jeff also suggested getting some costs on rehabilitating some of the existing decorations such as the angels. If the metal frame is still in good shape, the decorations can be re-wrapped for approximately one third the cost of new decorations. Staff will contact Committee member, Jan Minami, to see if she can contact the RDA regarding the Christmas decorations.

E. Dale Melville mentioned attending the seminar given by Dan Burden and Mr. Burden stated that looking down "G" Street was reminiscent of looking down a bowling alley and suggested breaking this up with a couple of small roundabouts. City Engineer Benelli added that Mr. Burden suggested installing a roundabout at Dinuba Avenue and East Avenue and another one at the spaghetti bowl area. Mr. Burden also suggested crosswalks mid-block with bulb-outs similar to the rail trail. Jeff Viau stated that one of the problems with the bulb-outs mid-block is that you cannot maneuver a streetsweeper

around the bulb-out, they have to be swept by hand or a mini-sweeper would need to be used. So, although the bulb-outs are attractive, they are difficult to maintain. City Engineer Benelli added that it would depend on how the bulb-outs are designed. If they are gradual so that the sweeper could follow around the curve, they could probably be maintained. Jeff Viau added that with the diagonal parking on "G" Street, you would end up with sharp angles causing the sweeper to have to back up and leave dirt behind to be swept up by hand. Bulb-outs on corners would be very attractive and easier to maintain. Large trucks would have difficulty turning corners with the bulb-outs installed. Much thought and design would have to be given before any bulb-outs are installed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m. Next meeting will be November 14, 2000.

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Richard Bedoian, Chairman  
Streetscape Maintenance Committee

ATTEST:

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Andrew Benelli, Secretary