

- Staff is in process of acquiring the land for the Park N Ride Project.
- That an Adopt a Street Program which would include Highway 49 within City limits is available through CalTrans.
- The Community Design Committee discussed potted trees along Washington Street, and they have asked the Master Gardeners to help with some plant ideas. Ideas for trees and murals on Linoberg Street, that they are working with Judy Grossman on parking signs. Their next meeting will be held on May 10th at 1:30.

B. Tourism, Marketing and Public Outreach chaired by Sherri Brennan

Chair, Sherri Brennan was absent, but Shirley Sarno stated that the money for hiring a branding consultant would not be available for about a year. She stated that seven benches have been sponsored so far. The Committee also talked about availability in putting banners in the vacant buildings, possibly enlarging an historical picture, and creating parking signs that could be attached to existing poles.

Sharon Marovich stated they already had parking signs downtown.

Committee Member Williams said the existing signs where faded and they did not have the money to replace them at this time.

Committee Member Miller said the signs can be resurfaced and the plan does include a Comprehensive Sign Program.

C. Finance Committee chaired by George Segarini

Chair, George Segarini stated their meeting was scheduled for May 18th at 3 pm at City Hall.

D. Transportation and Mobility Committee chaired by Darin Grossi

Chair, Darin Grossi stated that the Transportation and Mobility Committee met in April and reviewed the Active Transportation Grants Program and discussed possible projects.

Sharon Marovich asked if Scenic Highway 49 has ever been brought up?

Chair Darin Grossi, said yes however there has been discussion about relinquishment and concerns over private property issues.

V. Information and Questions

Committee Member Segarini said they held a Merchants Forum and most of the discussion was on the homeless and no solutions were identified at this time.

Committee Member Miller reminded everyone about the Spring Festival and the Mother Lode Round Up and that everyone should come and enjoy the downtown.

Committee Member Kellogg stated that the Opera Hall Balcony Project was almost finished and that ADA access to the back of City Hall was completed. She stated that

Public Works Department was working on re-designing the parking stalls in the parking structure to accommodate the handicapped parking spaces. She also advised that the historical inventory of properties in the City limits was in process and a meeting is scheduled for next Thursday between 5-7 pm.

She also informed the Committee that the Farmer's Market starts on May 14th and a portable storage and restroom would be set up due to the water damage in the building to be the used for the Stewart Street Restroom.

Maryann Wright expressed concerns with building code requirements for older buildings.

Carol wanted to recognize George Segarini for the merchants meetings and that Vision Sonora is now viewed more positively.

Committee Member Williams thanked everyone for their involvement and reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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