

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
March 13, 2024
Town Hall Chambers

IN Attendance:

B.J. Scott – Chair
Wendy Ryan – Vice Chair
Wayne Oliver – Councillor
Pat McGilvrey
Donna Owens
Wendy Desjarlais
Joyce Taylor
Rhonda Oczkowski – Recreation Programmer

1. Call to Order

1:35 pm

2. Approval of CIB, March 13, 2024 Agenda

Wendy Ryan moved to approve March 13, 2024 agenda as presented- CARRIED

3. Approval of CIB January 10, 2024 Minutes

Wayne Oliver moved to approve the CIB January 10, 2024 minutes as presented – CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Terms of Reference

The CIB Terms of Reference will be given to Town councils March 25 meeting for approval.

b. Mural Fund Transfer

B.J. Scott and Donna Owen transferred the mural fund from ATB to the Communities in Bloom account at Visions Credit Union. A transfer of \$2822.80.

c. Judges follow up

- Share the evaluation with the Kootenai Brown Village Museum.
- Town has been approached by a school to add the Blackfoot name of Pincher Creek to the entry signs. Under consideration by council.
- Community Appearance:
 - i. Explore ways to control and eliminate graffiti. Suggested that Town employees carry a kit for immediate removal. Wayne will investigate mini portable blasters to remove graffiti from brick/cement.
 - ii. Is it a consideration to have a dedicated summer students to manage weed control?
 - iii. Create an award for Commercial & Business for most improved includes grass/weeds and ditches.
- Environmental Action:
 - i. Round about – either remove all plants to clean up or regular weeding
 - ii. Putting up an additional 3 little libraries

- iii. Recycle glass
- iv. Rain barrels and compost bins be promoted by CIB – how to use and locations for purchase.
- v. Low flush toilets rebates? Would the Town do them? Wayne to follow up.
- vi. MHHS light pollution behind school. Lights left on 24 hrs a day. Could they be on a timer? Wayne to follow up.
- vii. Large growth of Henbane behind Fountain Tire in an open lot. Recommend Town have a licensed weed applicator within staff.
- viii. Burdock generally all over Town – west end, across from campground.
- ix. Culvert at St. Michaels school to allow for water drainage between the school playground and the sports field. Wayne to follow up.
- x. Allow for natural area on top of hill behind MHHS – school not to mow natural flowers etc.
- xi. A need for more recycling bins. Main street, parks and public spaces
- xii. Wraps on electrical/telephone boxes
- xiii. Create a bin area for compost to make soil. Drop off area for branches to make into woodchips.
- xiv. Education on self composting.
 - Heritage: felt it is more a Town driven projects
 - Tree management:
 - i. Parks is starting to do a tree inventory
 - Plant & Floral: no discussion
 - Landscape: no discussion

d. School gardens

B.J. and Joyce will be talking to Canyon School on a project

B.J. Scott moved CIB to support a Canyon School growing competition for up to \$100 for prizes or materials. CARRIED

e. New focus – activity

Tabled for next meeting

5. New Business

a. Pitch-in

April 14- May 14. Business challenge?

b. Volunteer Appreciation

Rhonda invited all committee members to attend the Appreciation light supper on April 18 from 5 pm – 7 pm.

c. Communities in Bloom Week – May 5

Ask if the library is interested in doing some speaker evenings.

d. Yard of the Week

6 CIB signs have been ordered. Suggested that maybe this year do themes?

e. ReUse Recycle Fair

June 8, 2024 in collaboration with the M.D.

6. Bank Accounts

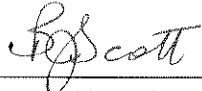
- i. Vision CIB \$5210.88
- ii. ATB Mural Fund – closed

7. Next Meeting

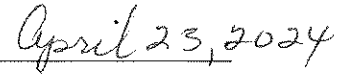
April 23 at 1:30 pm

8. Adjournment

Wayne adjourned at 3:18 pm



Approved by B.J. Scott



Date

