

# Meeting Agenda

# **Beautification Commission**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024	5:00 PM	City Council Chambers

**Regular Meeting** 

# **REGULAR AGENDA - 5:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 
  - 1. <u>Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2024 Beautification Commission Meeting</u>
- IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. <u>Action Item: Approval of Recommendation to City Council to fund Tier 1 applicants for</u> the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant in the total amount of \$23,375.50
  - 2. Action Item: Approval of Additional Application Period Ending May 31, 2024 for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program
  - 3. Discussion Item: Neighborhood Spring Clean-up Program
- VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



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## File #: 23-0521, Version: 1

### ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2024 Beautification Commission Meeting

**SUBMITTED BY:** Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

# FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a Unencumbered Balance: n/a Funding Source: n/a

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

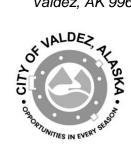
Approve Beautification Commission meeting minutes from January 11, 2024.

# SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Draft minutes from January 11, 2024 Beautification Commission Meeting are attached for review.

# **City of Valdez**

212 Chenega Ave. Valdez, AK 99686



# **Meeting Minutes- DRAFT**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

# 5:00 PM

**Regular Meeting** 

# **City Council Chambers**

**Beautification Commission** 

### **REGULAR AGENDA - 5:00 PM**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Beautification Commission was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

# II. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chair Kathy Nielsen Commission Member Meg Weaver Commission Member Jennifer Benda Commission Member Magdelena McCay (virtual) Commission Member Sara Irwin Goudreau (virtual)

**Excused** 1 - Commission Member Keena Miller

(One Vacant Seat)

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes from November 2023 Regular Meeting

Minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2023, were approved by consent.

# **III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

No public business from the floor.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Approval of 2024 Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Application Packet

MOTION: Benda moved, seconded by Weaver, to approve the final application packet for 2024 Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Program.

Commissioner Irwin Goudreau noted a correction to language changing "home based" to "home occupation" on page one of the packet to conform with language used in city zoning code.

Chair Kathy Nielsen asked for and received feedback on the dates and deadlines listed in the grant application packet. Nielsen also clarified that the scoring rubric would be completed at a later date.

Irwin Goudreau asked for clarification of the date for application review. Commissioners discussed the possibility of a work session in March to review applications.

### **VOTE ON MOTION**

**Yays:** 5 - Nielsen, Weaver, Benda, McCay, and Irwin Goudreau **Absent:** 1 - Miller

#### MOTION CARRIED.

#### 2. Deferral of 2023 Beautification Matching Grant to Acres Kwik Trip

#### MOTION: Irwin Goudreau moved, seconded by Weaver, to defer the 2023 Beautification Matching Grant award to Acres Kwik Trip to 2024.

Commissioner Weaver clarified that the process for deferrals moving forward would be done administratively.

Commissioner Irwin Goudreau asked about if deferral would impact funding for 2024 projects and staff clarified that the funds were in a reserve account.

Commissioner McCay noted that the deferral was submitted after the was a deadline outlined in the packet for requesting extension.

The commissioners discussed the precedent of extending deadlines for deferral in general and merits of asking the business to reapply versus extending the 2023 award.

City Clerk Sheri Pierce and Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk provided clarification on wording in the 2023 packet. Consensus was reached by the commission that it would be a better course of action to encourage the awardee to reapply for the 2024 cycle.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

**Nays:** 5 - Nielsen, Weaver, Benda, McCay, and Irwin Goudreau **Absent:** 1 - Miller

#### MOTION FAILED.

#### **V. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Irwin Goudreau requested that a date be set for review of grant applications. Discussion occurred about the merits of a work session to review grant applications and the desire for application review to take place ahead of the April meeting if possible.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Legislation Text

## File #: 24-0115, Version: 1

# ITEM TITLE:

Action Item: Approval of Recommendation to City Council to fund Tier 1 applicants for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant in the total amount of \$23,375.50

**SUBMITTED BY:** Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

# FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: \$23,375.50 Unencumbered Balance: \$156,324.26 Funding Source: Beautification Reserve Fund 350-5550-55000

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Recommendation to City Council to fund Tier 1 applicants for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant.

# SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City Clerk's Office received 3 total applications for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program ahead of the March 8, 2024 deadline- all applications qualify for the new Tier 1 parameters.

Grant awards may not exceed 50% of the total allowable project cost estimate. The qualifying grant amounts follow:

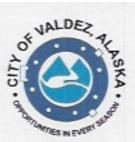
- Acres Kwik Trip \$1000.00 (Total allowable project cost \$2000.00)
- Ballow Properties \$13,100.00 (Total allowable project cost \$26,200.00)
- Alaska Guide Company \$9,275.50 (Total allowable project cost \$18,551)

If all applicants are funded to the full allowable amount the total would be \$23,375.50.

Applications from Ballow Properties and Acres Kwik Trip meet standards for the program. The application for Alaska Guide Company is for proposed improvements to leased City of Valdez land and warrants further discussion by the commission, as it is unclear if the application qualifies.

The Beautification Commission does not have the legal authority to appropriate funds- so this action is a recommendation to City Council regarding funding of grant applicants.

Attached are the Original Tier 1 Applications with staff notes on eligibility and final version of 2024 scoring criteria are attached.



# Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Program 2024 Application

# 1. PROJECT LOCATION

Address to be improved: 165 Fairbanks Drive Unit C
Assessor Parcel ID Number(s):
Name of Business or Organization: Ballow Properties
Is this property (check one):Tier OneTier Two
2. APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name: Richard Ballow
Address: 165 Fairbanks Drive Unit B
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 953
Email Address: VC ballow 54 C gmail. Com Phone: 907-255-0223
Do you: X Own Rent (month to month) Lease
If leased, date of lease expiration:
Name of Property Owner(s): Richard Ballow and Connic Ballow
Property Owner Email Address: rcballow 54@gmail.com
Property Owner Phone: 907-255-0223

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# 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Please attach the following to this application for consideration:

- Detailed written description of proposed work.
- Sketches or drawings of proposed improvements, including samples/photographs of paint colors or materials to be used (do not need to be professionally drawn, but are required for application consideration).
- Color "before" photographs of the area or areas to be improved (submitted electronically if possible).
- Bids for contracted work.
- Budget breakdown including itemized list of costs associated with the project.
- A letter/narrative addressed to the Beautification Commission detailing how the proposed work adds to the aesthetics of your property and our community.

Applications missing any of the above items will not be considered.

# 4. ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION:

0 Months

# 5. ESTIMATED COSTS

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$	24,200.00	
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TOTAL MATCHING GRANT REQUESTED: \$ 25,000.00

Depending on available funding for the grant program, awarded matching grants may be less than the full amount requested in this project application. Could and would you proceed with this project if you are awarded less than the full matching grant amount requested?

Circle one YES NO

Please explain. We are Still wanting to whift the property

By signing below, I confirm I have read and understand the requirements and process for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program. The information submitted in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Property Owner Signat	ure: <u>hick Ballow</u>	Date:	2-9-24	
Applicant Signature:	Lick Bulland	Date:	2-9-24	

#### **Barnett Building LLC**

PO Box 182 Valdez, AK 99686 barnettbuildingflc@gmail.com



# Estimate

*				
ADDRESS		ESTIMATE	1221	
Rick Ballow		DATE	01/26/202	24
PO Box 953		EXPIRATIO	N DATE 02/09/202	24
165 Fairbanks St				
Valdez, AK 99686				
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Material	Meg quick ship exterior collection style stone wood - color cherry -chamfered edge	1	10,270.00	10,270.00
Material	Fasteners, supplies and aluminum track system for mountain panels	1	2,430.00	2,430.00
Labor	Install track system and panels	1	13,500.00	13,500.00
. 4	*** Notes *** Contractor is working from a visual drawing. There are no actual dimensions noting where siding starts and stops. On west side entrance of building, Contractor measured 18' from the southwest corner going north. Starting at southwest corner going east, Contractor			
	measured 14'. Starting at southeast corner of building, Contractor measured 4' to garage door then another 10'. Everything was calculated going to bottom of roof panel.			
	Freight is not included. Will know freight charges once items ship.			
	Customer is responsible for providing and a scissor lift and port-a-potty.			

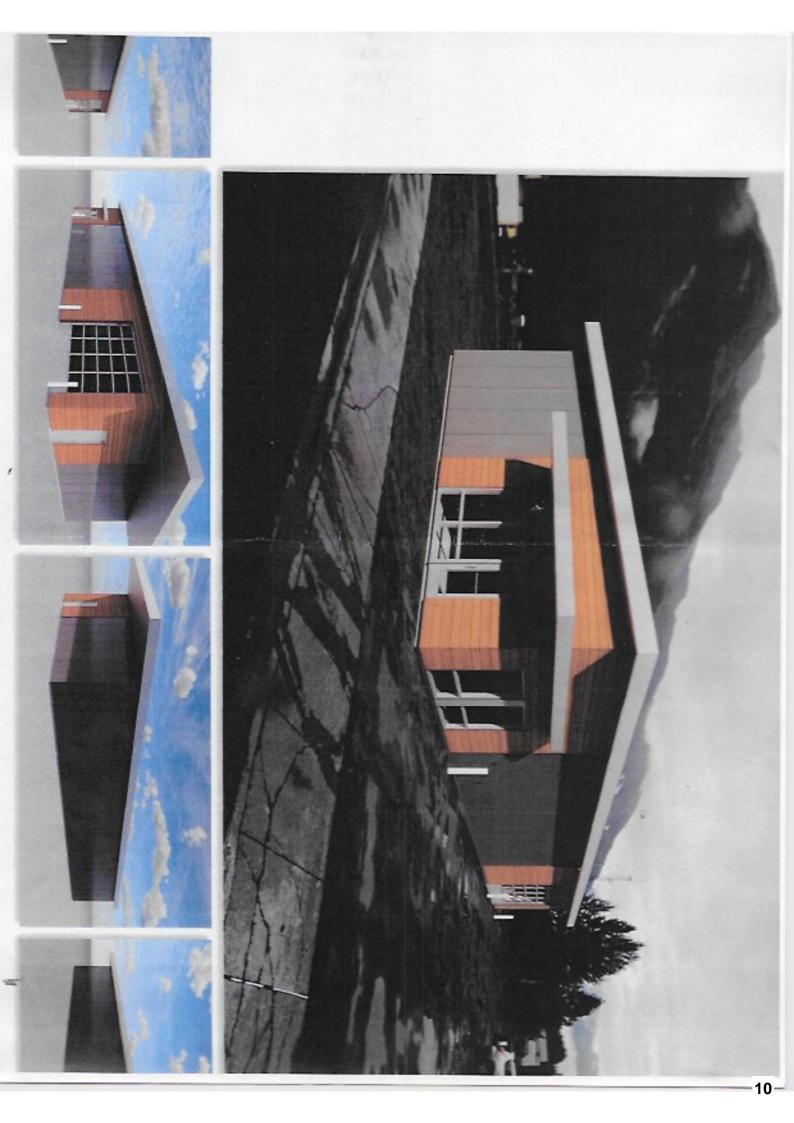
#### Payment Terms

If Customer agrees to this estimate, the full payment of material will due upon approval \$12,700. Payment for all remaining work will be due upon completion of job.

Ballow Estimate

TOTAL

# \$26,200.00



To the Beautification Commission,

Ballow Properties believes that the proposed work will add to the aesthetic of our property as it will match with the rest of the property look. The improvements will uplift the current appearance of the building. The materials that will be being used are also similar to those that were used for the outside of the new Prospector building. With using the same materials, it will also tie the building into the community.

Thank you,

**Ballow Properties** 





Staff Review Note: This application is proposing improvements to land owned by a public entity. Program guidelines specify that funds may not be awarded for public buildings but don't speak to other improvements on leased public land.



# Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Program 2024 Application

# **1. PROJECT LOCATION**

Address to be improved: 2581 Richardson Hwy / 115 Glacier Haul Rd
Assessor Parcel ID Number(s): Tract C USS 439 Subdivision / 009S006W02
Name of Business or Organization: Alaska Guide Co
Is this property (check one): XTier OneTier Two
2. APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name: Zachary Sheldon
Address: Valdez AK 99686
Mailing Address: Valdez AK 99686
Email Address:Phone:
Do you:OwnRent (month to month) X Lease
If leased, date of lease expiration: June 2, 2033
Name of Property Owner(s): City of Valdez
Property Owner Email Address: KHuber@valdezak.gov
Property Owner Phone: 907-835-4313

# 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Please attach the following to this application for consideration:

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- Bids for contracted work.
- Budget breakdown including itemized list of costs associated with the project.
- A letter/narrative addressed to the Beautification Commission detailing how the proposed work adds to the aesthetics of your property and our community.

Applications missing any of the above items will not be considered.

# 4. ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION:

July 30, 2024

# 5. ESTIMATED COSTS

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$ 19,151

TOTAL MATCHING GRANT REQUESTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Depending on available funding for the grant program, awarded matching grants may be less than the full amount requested in this project application. Could and would you proceed with this project if you are awarded less than the full matching grant amount requested?

Circle one: YES NO

Please explain. <u>Might not complete this year, but we would proceed</u>

By signing below, I confirm I have read and understand the requirements and process for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program. The information submitted in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Property Owner Signa	ature:	Date:
Applicant Signature:	5584-	Date: 03/06/2024
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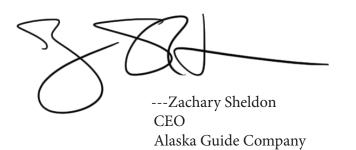


Alaska Guide Company Valdez, AK 99686 907-390-0510 https://alaska.guide

Alaska Guide Company Wilderness Adventure Tours

We propose to the make the following beautification improvements to the frontage of 2581 Richardson Highway;

Remove cottonwood and alders between bike path and driveway/parking lot Raise with 2-3ft of fill for aesthetics and prevent flooding due to lack of drainage under the bike path Cover fill with top soil Construct river rock sign mount Create high end signage and affix to mount Plant many aspen, some birch, a few Siberian larch and swiss stone pine Scatter large landscaping rocks fore aesthetics and atv tresspassing deterant Place inviting path from bike path to parking lot





# Alaska Guide Co

Itemized List

Expenses	Qty	Price
Signage - HD Marine		850
Signage - other materials - cement - paint - lights		900
Signage - in house labor		800
Tree & Stump removal - RSR Contracting		1,750
Fill - RSR Contracting		2,500
Large Natural Rocks - RSR Contracting		2,500
1 Ginormous Rock (natural attention grabbing)- RSR Contracting		1,800
Top Soil Spreading - in house labor		240
Quaking Aspen - Seed n Tree AK (\$160 each)	8	1,280
Alaska Paper Birch - Seed n Tree AK (\$180 each)	4	720
Siberian Larch - Seed n Tree AK (\$225 each)	2	225
Stone Pine - Seed n Tree AK (\$180 each)	4	720
Tree delivery - Sourdough Trucking		3,266
Walkway pavers		1,000
General in house labor planting and finishing touches		600
Т	Total	\$19,151

Staff review note: The \$600 for in house labor does not qualify for funding under program guidelines.







Signage

Acres Kwik Trip, Inc. 1860 Richardson Hwy

Valdez, AK 99686

City of Valdez P. O. Box 307 Valdez, AK 9968

March 6, 2024

Attn: Beautification Committee

Dear Committee Members:

We received the tier-two grant award last year but were unable to complete the work required due to medical issues and weather closing in sooner than expected.

The connexes that we had hoped to move last year still need to be moved off the Acres Kwik Trip property. We would like to request assistance through the Beautification Committee to accomplish this as well as removal of junk vehicles and stacked building supplies.

Attached is a copy of the bid from Harris Sand and Gravel for the removal of the connexes.

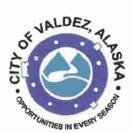
Thank you for your consideration of this application. We have plans for cleaning up and beautifying our area and hope to receive some assistance from the City.

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If you have any questions or if we can provide any further information, please give me a call at §

Sincerely, Phyllis Johnson

Staff review note: This application falls into Tier 1 not Tier 2 under new program guidelines



# Valdez Beautification Matching Grant Program 2024 Application

# 1. PROJECT LOCATION

Address to be improved: Lot 3A, ASLS 78-139
Assessor Parcel ID Number(s):
Name of Business or Organization: <u>Acres Kwik Trip</u>
Is this property (check one):Tier OneTier Two
2. APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name:
Address: 1860 Richardson Hwy
Mailing Address:
Email Address:
Do you:OwnRent (month to month)Lease
If leased, date of lease expiration:
Name of Property Owner(s): Phullis Tahnson
Property Owner Email Address:
Property Owner Phone:

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Staff review note: Total grant may Applications missing any of the above items will not be considered. cost may only be 50% of project cost so \$1000

# 4. ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION:

2 months (prep new property + get connexes ready to move)

# 5. ESTIMATED COSTS

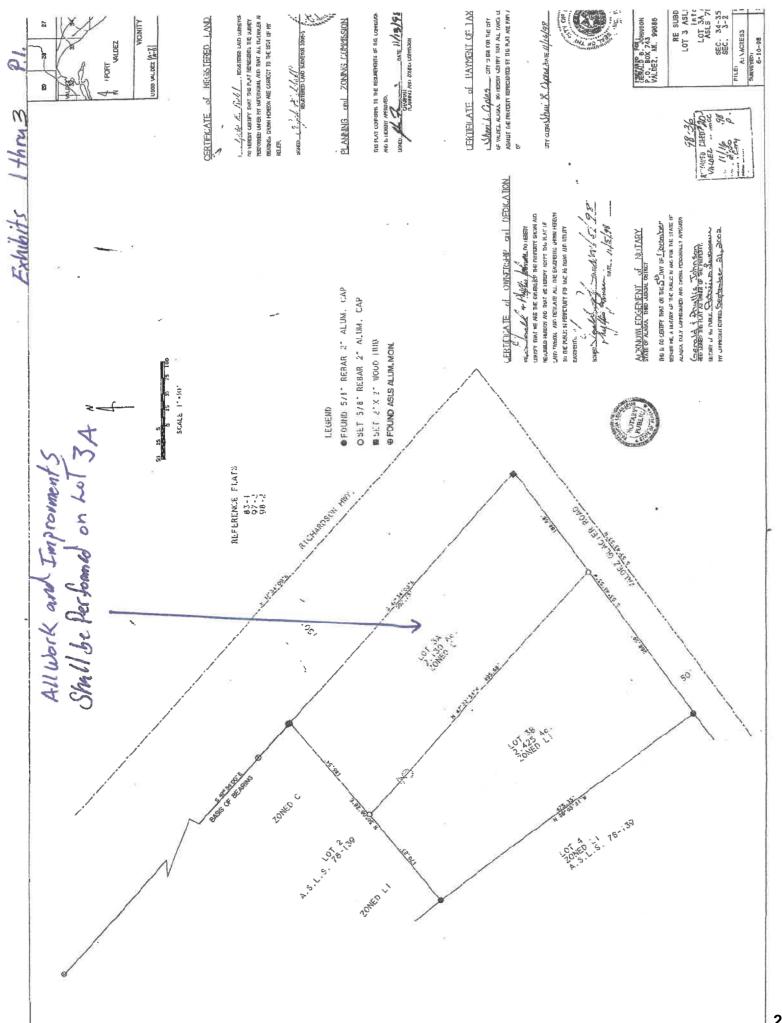
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2000,00

TOTAL MATCHING GRANT REQUESTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 . 89

Depending on available funding for the grant program, awarded matching grants may be less than the full amount requested in this project application. Could and would you proceed with this project if you are awarded less than the full matching grant amount requested?

Circle one: YES NO Please explain. We were unable to proceed last year because the weather and other citcumstances prevented it By signing below, I confirm I have read and understand the requirements and process for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program. The information submitted in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Property Owner Signature: <u>Phyllis Annan</u>Date: <u>3/6/24</u> Applicant Signature: <u>Phyllis Annan</u>Date: <u>3/6/24</u> 7

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61°07'29"N 146°16'05"W) 552 ft EXH 2 Note: Drawing is Not to Scale property lines Are Appoxamte "Q "A"- Items That Have Bren Removed "B"- Items to be Removed From Property "C"- Buildings to be repainted from property "C"- Conner's Tobe removed from property . D ۷, Google 24

# Quotation



Harris Sand & Gravel, Inc.

P.O. Box 6

Valdez, A.K. 99686

Phone: 907-835-4756 Fax: 907-835-2049

Date:	03/04/22
Quotation No:	2023-1
Owner:	Dana Wood
Project name:	Connex's

To:			
Phn:			
Fax:			

# We are pleased to submit the following quotation. It is valid for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Description	Price	Amount
All Labor & Equipment Needed For		
Loading / Offloading -		
Mobilization / Demobilization		
2 Each – 40 Ft Connex's		
	×	*
980G Loader & Operator	\$253	\$1012
Tractor / Trailer & Teamster	\$227	\$908
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Total	\$1920
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By:

Accepted:

Date:

# Applicant's Name:

# **Project Description:**

# **Requested Matching Grant Amount:**

# Project Scoring: Do not proceed to question 2 if the answer to question 1 is No.

- 1. <u>All</u> elements required for grant approval are present.
  - Yes / No
    - a) Detailed written description of proposed project
    - b) Sketches or drawings of proposed improvements, including samples/photographs of paint colors, or materials proposed to be used. (sketches and drawings do not need to be professionally rendered)
    - c) Color "before" photographs of the area/s to be improved.
    - d) Bids for contracted work (if applicable).
    - e) Total Estimated Cost to complete the proposed project.
    - f) Budget Breakdown including itemized list of estimated costs associated with the project.
    - g) A letter/ narrative addressed to the commission explaining how the proposed work will add to the aesthetics of the property and the community.
    - h) Estimated timeline for project completion.

# The questions below should be answered based on;

# 1= None or Weak, 2= Moderate, 3= Meets Expectations

2. Is this project aesthetic in nature? (select no if this project is mostly maintenance)	1	2	3
3. Will this project contribute to the goal of enhancing the appearance of the	1	2	3
community?			
4. Will this project use locally sourced materials, labor, and or contractors?	1	2	3
5. Is there sufficient planning to demonstrate the project can be successful?	1	2	3
6. Has a date and time been set for the project's completion? (must be completed in 2024)	1	2	3
7. Is this project located geographically in Tier One?	1	2	3

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator Name:** 

**Evaluator Comments:** 



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### File #: 24-0116, Version: 1

# ITEM TITLE:

Action Item: Approval of Additional Application Period Ending May 31, 2024 for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program

**SUBMITTED BY:** Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

#### FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a Unencumbered Balance: n/a Funding Source: n/a

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve additional application period ending May 31, 2024 for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program.

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Only 3 applications were received in the initial application period for the 2024 Beautification Matching Grant Program. Multiple commissioners expressed a desire to allow for additional applications to be considered.

Having a second application period ending on May 31, 2024 would allow applicants able time to put together proposals and would allow the Beautification Commission to approve additional grants at their regular meeting on June 5, 2024.



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# File #: 24-0117, Version: 1

# ITEM TITLE:

Discussion Item: Neighborhood Spring Clean-up Program

**SUBMITTED BY:** Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

# FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a Unencumbered Balance: n/a Funding Source: n/a

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

n/a

# SUMMARY STATEMENT:

When commissioners outlined and prioritized goals in 2023, one of the ideas with broad support from the Commission was to expand local spring clean-up efforts.

The possibility of having a large dumpster (or dumpsters) that rotated between neighborhoods was discussed- similar to the dumpsters used by code enforcement. The goal of having a rotating dumpster would be to encourage residents to clean-up yards and to remove items that were broken or no longer useable.

Commissioner Weaver asked that this discussion item be brought up, since it is timely to plan for with the change in seasons.