



**VALLEJO
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 PM**



NOVEMBER 5, 2025

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Sarah Wright, (Chair)
Angela Taylor, (Vice Chair)
Avonelle Hanley-Mills
Sara Leahy
Erin McGarry
Susan Slater
Rick Weyrich

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**Council Chambers
555 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590**

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AGENDA

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ROLL CALL

4 CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of the November 5, 2025 agenda.

Contact: Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary (707) 648-8616

Shelee.Loughmiller@Cityofvallejo.net

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2025.

Contact: Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary (707) 648-8616

Shelee.Loughmiller@Cityofvallejo.net

5 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

A Presentation by Scott Tedrow, Landscape Maintenance Manager

6 ACTION CALENDAR

NOTICE: Members of the public wishing to address the Beautification Commission on Action Calendar Items are requested to submit a completed speaker card to the Staff Secretary. Each speaker is limited to five minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.420.

A Letter of Recommendation to City Council

Recommendation: Consider a motion to approve the Letter of Recommendation be presented as an Informational Item to City Council at the December 16, 2025 meeting.

Contact: Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary (707) 648-8616

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7 REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

8 COMMUNITY FORUM

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speaker should step to the podium, state his /her name, and address for the record. Each speaker is limited to three minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.20.300.

9 NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE/BOARD

11 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

12 REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES

A WORKPLAN ADHOC ITEM 1 - 4

13 OTHER

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A ARTICLES FOR VALLEJO WEEKLY

15 ADJOURNMENT

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I, Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Vallejo Beautification Commission

Sarah Wright, (Chair)
Angela Taylor, (Vice Chair)
Avonelle Hanley-Mills
Sara Leahy
Erin McGarry
Susan Slater
Rick Weyrich,

at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:00pm
, Friday, October 31, 2025

Dated: Friday, October 31, 2025

Shelee Loughmiller

Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary



October 22, 2025

Vallejo City Council
555 Santa Clara St.
Vallejo, CA 94590

Dear Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, and Councilmembers,

We, as appointed members of the Vallejo Beautification Commission, and as residents of the city of Vallejo, urge the Council to take action on items of concern that affect the visual appearance, quality of life, pride and safety of our city. We have heard from members of our community about these items and they have requested that we advocate solutions on these issues as a Commission.

Some of the items include:

- Continuing to address homeless encampments throughout Vallejo; Continue to develop housing solutions for individuals in the encampments, including the completion of the Vallejo Homeless Navigation Center and Broadway Project; continuity to take legal action against private property owners where encampments are causing code enforcement violations; consider Neighborhood Law or other legal actions to address the most difficult situations; and collaborate with non-profits and other organizations to develop Safe Parking options.
- Continue to coordinate with CalTrans and railroad companies on cleaning up and maintaining Highways 29, 37, and 780, railroads and freeways passing through Vallejo. Trash and debris noticeably increase once people pass into Vallejo from surrounding cities. We encourage the City to continue working with other agencies to help ensure that our highways, freeways and railroads are clean, safe and usable.
- Increasing fines for illegal dumping: Vallejo Municipal Code section 7.44.100 indicates that depositing garbage and debris onto public property is a misdemeanor offense with a penalty of \$1,000 fine and/or up to 6 months in jail. However,

California Penal Code 374.3 makes illegal dumping on public and private property punishable by a fine up to \$10,000. We encourage the Council to consider adopting an ordinance to increase Vallejo's fines for illegal dumping.

- Increasing enforcement against illegal dumping: Other local government agencies dedicate a Code Enforcement staff member to investigate illegal dumping and follow up to cite people and businesses that are found to perpetrate these crimes. We encourage the City to take further action to punish and discourage illegal dumping in Vallejo.
- Increase maintenance in high-traffic, visible public areas: Focus on maintenance along the Waterfront, Boat Launch, downtown, and other popular public areas that most of our residents and visitors utilize and enjoy. Beautification of these areas encourage increased economic activity and morale.

We, as Commissioners, are willing to help with these items and others to continue to improve the beauty, quality of life, and safety of our city. Thank you for your attention to this letter and for all that you do to try to improve conditions in Vallejo.

Sincerely,

Sara Wright, Chair 2025-26

Angela-Sharee Taylor, Vice Chair 2025-26

Rick Weyrich, Commissioner 2023-27

Susan Slater, Commissioner 2022-26

Avonelle Hanley-Mills, Commissioner 2025-29

Sara Leahy, Commissioner 2025-28

Erin McGarry, Commissioner 2025-27

**VALLEJO BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Chair Wright at 6:00p

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Wright
Commissioners Hanley-Mills, Leahy, Slater

Absent:

Weyrich (EA), Taylor (EA), McGarry (EA)

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** - Council Liaison Gordon not present
- B. **COMMISSION SECRETARY REPORT** - None

COMMUNITY FORUM – None

CONSENT CALENDAR By motion of Commissioner Slater, 2nd by Commissioner Hanley-Mills, Motion approved unanimously to approve the October 1st, 2025 agenda and September 3rd, 2025 minutes (Commissioners McGarry, Taylor, Weyrich absent)

ACTION CALENDAR

- A. **APPROVAL OF THE 2025-26 WORKPLAN** - Dates in the original workplan document were adjusted since the new fiscal year is already underway, and the suggestion for a community calendar was removed because it is not under the Commission's purview. Also, Goal 2 was removed because Public Works has already moved forward with the funding for this item. The budget for the workplan has not yet been approved. By motion of Commissioner Leahy, 2nd by Commissioner Hanley-Mills, Motion approved unanimously to approve the 2025-26 Workplan (Commissioners McGarry, Taylor, Weyrich absent)
- B. **CREATION OF ADHOC COMMITTEES TO IMPLEMENT WORK PLANS** - Commissioners were appointed to adhoc committees for the workplan items as follows:
 - Goal 1 Beautify Vallejo Day - Commissioners Slater, Weyrich
 - Goal 3 Waterfront Project - Commissioner Slater
 - Goal 4 Recognition Program - Commissioners Hanley-Mills, Leahy
 - Goal 5 Sister City Commission Support - Commissioners Weyrich, Wright
 - Goal 6 Social Media Campaign - Commissioners Hanley-Mills, Leahy, WrightBy motion of Commissioner Slater, 2nd by Commissioner Hanley-Mills, Motion approved unanimously to approve the creation of these adhoc committees with the above appointments and to allow additional appointments at future meetings with no more than 3 Commissioners per adhoc committee (Commissioners McGarry, Taylor, Weyrich absent)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. **REQUEST PRESENTATION ON LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT UPDATES** - Staff Secretary Loughmiller has arranged for this presentation at next month's meeting

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON - Chair Wright and Commissioner Slater reported on the Coastal Cleanup that took place in September throughout Vallejo; Staff Secretary Loughmiller added that there were 19 sites throughout Vallejo and approximately 1,200 volunteers who participated. Commissioner Leahy reported on her correspondence with CalTrans on the highway cleanup schedule and asked if a CalTrans representative could be invited to present at a future meeting. Chair Wright shared a copy of the draft letter to Council urging action on items of concern affecting beautification; the letter had been included in a meeting agenda earlier in the year, and Commissioners were asked to review the letter and

provide any suggestions at the next meeting. Commissioners Hanley-Mills and Leahy suggested possible items from the City ordinances that could be publicized more to encourage beautification efforts, and were encouraged to incorporate those suggestions while serving on the Workplan adhoc committees.

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES – No reports

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE

A. November 5, 2025

ADJOURNED 6:38p

Signature _____

Date _____