



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



APRIL 1, 2026

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Sarah Leahy (Chair)
Angela-Sharee Taylor (Vice Chair)
Avonelle Hanley-Mills
Erin McGarry
Sara Wright
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: Approve April 1, 2026, agenda.

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

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B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the regular meeting of February 4, 2026

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

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5 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

6 ACTION CALENDAR

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

A ADVOCATE TO CITY COUNCIL TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Recommendation: Discuss how the Commission can advocate that the City Council to proclaim April as National Volunteer Month and review the draft proclamation.

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B CLEAN CA COMMUNITY PLEDGE

Recommendation: Acknowledge that the City of Vallejo has accepted the challenge to be a Clean California Community beginning in March 2026.

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7 REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

8 COMMUNITY FORUM

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9 NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

11 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A Clean & Proud Vallejo Initiative under the Clean CA Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant.

B Update the Commission on the plan to revitalize and activate the 200 block of Georgia St. pocket park thru funds from Clean CA grant.

C CITY OF VALLEJO FARMERS MARKET OUTREACH TEAM

D Community Clean Up Activity Update; March 15 in partnership with Life and Life and the Sunset Rotary Club

E Update on the status of the new Volunteer Management portal, Get Connected by Galaxy Digital.

F Update the Commission on Earth Daze Festival, April 25, 2026 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on 300 Block of Virginia St. Produced by Suite Treatments, sponsored by the City of Vallejo and MCE.

12 REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES

13 OTHER

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 Leahy (Chair)
Angela-Sharee Taylor (Vice Chair)
Avonelle Hanley-Mills
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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 ,

Dated:

Shelee Loughmiller

Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary



Make Your Community a Clean California Community!

Do you take pride in your community – and want to make it even better? Would you like your community to be recognized as a beautiful and clean place to live? Then help the place you love become a Clean California Community! Caltrans has launched a new statewide designation to reward communities for their hard work in staying clean and beautiful.

Why become a Clean California Community?

Beyond the immediate benefits of beautification, your community – once designated – will also receive,

- ✿ Personalized “You Are Entering a Clean California Community” signage with the Clean California Community logo.
- ✿ Recognition on state websites and social media posts, and state-partnered media outreach.
- ✿ Access to national grant opportunities, educational materials, and volunteer cleanup kits (while supplies last) from Clean CA partner, Keep America Beautiful.

What constitutes a “community”?

This can be incorporated geographic areas, such as cities, towns, counties, municipal districts, and military bases. It can also include neighborhood groups, school districts, houses of worship areas, community group service areas, business improvement districts, watershed groups, and other unincorporated entities. An organized entity with a leadership structure is a likely start. If you're not sure about your community, reach out and ask!

What is required to become a Clean California Community?

The designation process itself is **FREE**. Your community must commit to meet 10 or more of the following criteria and be able to provide records that they were completed – many of which you may already be doing:

- ✿ Your community's leader must **sign the pledge**. For a town, this could be a mayor. For an organization, it might be the president or executive director, for a religious organization, it might be the minister, priest, imam, or rabbi.
- ✿ Establish an informal Clean CA committee or some other **advisory body**. This could be an existing committee that you leverage for Clean CA.
- ✿ Get **community input** through a public meeting, a survey, a special event, or some other means of gathering feedback from the public on your community's approach.
- ✿ Conduct an initial **litter assessment** to establish your baseline.
- ✿ Hold regular **community cleanups**. We recommend at least 4 each year – big or small.
- ✿ Establish **metrics** and **measure** regularly to track your clean community's progress.





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- ✿ **Educate the community** by providing signage, community programs, or school lessons* to clean up and prevent litter.
- ✿ Provide **K-12 educational programs*** to help inform anti-littering behaviors among the youngest generations.
- ✿ Offer some form of **enforcement or deterrence** to prevent future littering.
- ✿ Create a **long-term plan** to ensure your community becomes and/or stays clean.
- ✿ **Place anti-litter infrastructure** in key locations, such as trash and recycling bins that are emptied regularly or utilize regular street sweeping to clean as you go.
- ✿ **Green and beautify your community** by planting trees, gardens, or flower beds, or create public art to make your community more vibrant.
- ✿ Schedule/host **collection drives** for hard-to-recycle items, such as “dump days” or “amnesty days.”
- ✿ Engage at least 5 local **business partners** to support your campaign.
- ✿ Provide **cigarette receptacles** to help contain the most widely littered item on the planet.

How do I apply for this designation?

The first step is simple – the community must designate an authorized representative to sign a pledge stating that the community will pursue the designation. Then within the next year, the community must document that it meets at least 10 of the above criteria. Once you achieve this milestone, you can be designated as a Clean California Community!

Visit [CleanCA.com](https://www.CleanCA.com) to learn more about how your community can become a Clean California Community. You can download the pledge and access *educational and designation resources [here](#).





Community Designation Checklist

To attain designation, communities must meet at least 10 of these 15 criteria

○ Sign the Pledge

Designate a community leader to e-sign the pledge. For a town, this could be a mayor; for an organization it could be the Executive Director, for a school it could be a principal, for a district a supervisor, and so on.

○ Advisory Body

Establish an informal Clean CA committee or some other advisory body. This could also be an existing committee.

○ Community Input

Get community input through a public meeting, survey, special event, virtual call or another means of gathering feedback from the public on your community's approach.

○ Litter Assessment

Conduct an initial litter assessment to establish your baseline and identify litter hotspots in your community.

○ Cleanups

Organize community cleanups. We recommend at least 4 each year, big or small.

○ Measure Progress

Establish metrics and measure regularly to track your clean community's progress. Things to track include # of volunteers, # of cleanups, and pounds of litter removed.

○ Community Education

Educate the broader public on the impacts and solutions to litter by providing signage, educational programs, or other public awareness & behavior change strategies.

○ Youth Education

Provide K-12 educational programs to help inform anti-littering behaviors among the youngest generations. Communities can leverage the K-12 Clean CA educational resources to meet this requirement.

○ Infrastructure

Place anti-littering infrastructure in key locations. This can include trash and recycling bins that are emptied regularly, or utilizing street sweeping to clean as you go.

○ Enforcement

Establish policies, technologies or programs that prevent or deter future littering.

○ Long-term Planning

Hash out a long-term plan or strategy to ensure the sustainability of your efforts so that your community stays clean.

○ Greening & Beautification

Complement cleanups by implementing greening and beautification activities - plant trees, gardens or flower beds, or create public art to make your community more vibrant.

○ Collection Drives

Schedule or host collection drives such as "dump days" or "amnesty days" for hard-to-recycle or bulky items like mattresses, e-waste, or household appliances.

○ Partnerships

Engage local stakeholders and businesses to partner with you and support your campaign. We recommend partnering with at least 3-5 businesses.

○ Cigarette Litter

Provide cigarette litter receptacles to help contain the most widely littered item on Earth.

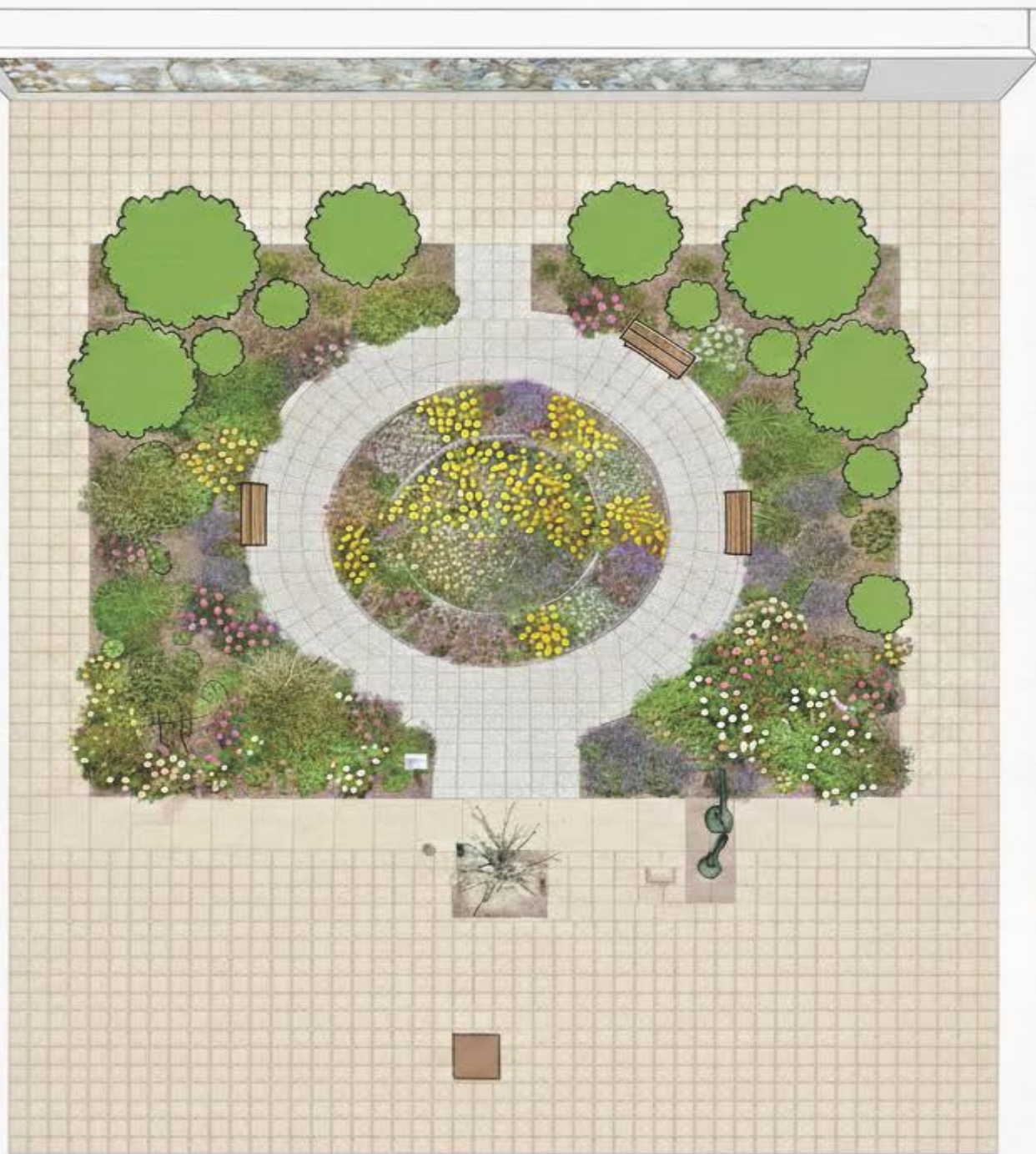


GEORGIA ST PLAZA BOTANICAL GARDEN

FUNDED BY CLEAN CA GRANT
2025-2026



Official Landscape Design Schematic



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 -  Garden Wall
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Botanical Garden Design Concept

Theme: *The Vallejo Heritage Meadow*

- **Central Feature:** A winding 6-foot wide "S-curve" path made of **Decomposed Granite (DG)** that allows visitors to walk through the center of the garden.
- **The Focal Points:** Three "Specimen Islands" featuring **Western Redbud** and **Toyon** trees, surrounded by dense clusters of **Cleveland Sage** and **California Lilac**.
- **The Meadow:** The remaining open areas will be "Sheet Mulched" (using cardboard and arborist chips) and overseeded with **California Poppy** and **Native Bunchgrass**. This covers large areas beautifully for a fraction of the cost of individual plants.
- **The Mural Edge:** A low-growing "River" of **California Fuchsia** and **Blue Fescue** running along the base of the mural wall to highlight the art without blocking it.





Implementation Steps

1. **Phase 1: Soil Building.** Instead of hauling away all dirt (expensive), use "Sheet Mulching." Lay cardboard over the existing lawn and cover with 4 inches of mulch. This kills the grass and creates rich soil for your new plants.
2. **Phase 2: The Bones.** Install the irrigation mainlines and the DG path first. This defines the "look" of the garden immediately.
3. **Phase 3: Planting.** Plant the 12 trees and the larger shrubs in their "Island" clusters.
4. **Phase 4: The Bloom.** In late fall, scatter the wildflower seeds over the mulched areas. By spring, the entire 11,550 sq. ft. will be a sea of orange and gold.

**VALLEJO BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Former Chair Weyrich at 6:06 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Hanley-Mills, McGarry, Weyrich, Slater

CONSENT CALENDAR By motion of Commissioner Slater, 2nd by Commissioner McGarry, Motion approved unanimously to approve the February 4, 2026 agenda and January 7, 2026 minutes (Chair Leahy, Commissioners Taylor, Wright absent)

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None

ACTION CALENDAR

- A. **Confirm dates for Q1 and Q4 2026 Beautify Vallejo Days** – By motion of Commissioner Slater, 2nd by Commissioner Hanley-Mills, Motion approved unanimously to designate March 21 and November 7 for the 1st and 4th Beautify Vallejo Days.

REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – Council Liaison Gordon expressed her appreciation for the active engagement of the Commissioners and reminded the group of the Workplan presentation date of 3/3/26.

COMMUNITY FORUM – None

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Beautify Vallejo Days Proclamation requested by Commissioner Weyrich pending

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE/BOARD

Commissioner Weyrich reported on current updates with the Sister City Commission and Onagawara. 2/13/26 at 2nd Friday ArtWalk the Onagawara will be displayed at the Temple Arts Loft.

Commissioner McGarry discussed the July application date for an Urban Greening Grant. The design for an outreach flyer for Clean Up dates will include link to RootedVallejo and print copies will be distributed to local businesses and the JFK Library.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Provided update on Vallejo Heights median planting project,

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association

Topic - How the Fundraising and planning of median plantings in partnership with the City of Vallejo developed

iHART Vallejo

Topic Understanding the services they provide the community

ADJOURNED 6:31 PM

A. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

March 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

Signature

Date