



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


MAY 6, 2026

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

HYBRID MEETING
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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 COMMUNITY FORUM

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5 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

A APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2026 MEETING AGENDA

Recommendation: Approve May 6, 2026 meeting agenda.

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B APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Recommendation: Approve April 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

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6 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

A UPDATE ON NEW/UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS, CHAIR LEAHY

B PRESENTATION BY THE VALLEJO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ON THE WILSON AVE. MEDIAN PLANTING PROJECT.

7 REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

8 REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY/AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES

A UPDATE ON UPCOMING BC VACANCIES

B REPORT OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR GOAL #3 - UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM CONTAINED IN THE 2026 WORK PLAN

- C **REPORT OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WORKPLAN GOAL #1
- QUARTERLY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**
- D **REPORT OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BC WORKPLAN GOAL #5
- STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

9 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 **REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR STRATEGY AND ADVISEMENT FOR THE BC 2027
WORK PLAN TO (STEP 1 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Consider the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee for strategy and advisement (BC 2027 Work Plan), (Step 1 of 2)

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- B **DISCUSS AND DEVELOP A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD
ENCOURAGE AND IDENTIFY AREAS FOR LARGE-SCALE MURALS TO
IMPROVE THE AESTHETIC AND IMAGE OF VALLEJO'S BUSINESS
CORRIDORS**

Recommendation: Commission to develop a recommendation of sites that large scale murals could be placed to enhance and beautify the area.

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- C **DISCUSS AND DEVELOP A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHICH
TYPES OF BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS THE CITY OF VALLEJO GRANT
WRITERS SHOULD SEEK.**

Recommendation: Identify public/private partnership grant opportunities that staff can research and recommend applying for.

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- D **ADOPT THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2027
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH**

Recommendation: Approve the Letter of Recommendation proclaiming the City of Vallejo April 2027 National Volunteer Month.

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10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11 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-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 5:00 pm, May 29, 2026

Dated: May 29, 2026

Shelee Loughmiller

Shelee Loughmiller, Beautification Commission Secretary

Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leahy at **6:02 PM**.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival: Commissioner Taylor (6:13 PM)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Agenda Approval (April 1, 2026):**
Motion by Commissioner Weyrich, seconded by Commissioner Slater.
Approved unanimously.
- **Minutes Approval (February 4, 2026):**
Motion by Commissioner Slater, seconded by Commissioner Hanley-Mills.
Approved unanimously.

5. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Advocate to City Council to Proclaim April as National Volunteer Month

Motion by Commissioner Weyrich, seconded by Commissioner Hanley-Mills.

Approved unanimously.

- A draft letter will be developed and presented at the next regular meeting.

B. Clean CA Community Pledge

Motion by Commissioner Hanley-Mills, seconded by Commissioner Slater.

Approved unanimously.

- The Commission accepted the Clean CA Challenge to become a Clean CA community beginning March 2026.
- Commissioner McGarry provided an update on the status of the 15-Point Pledge.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Leahy thanked commissioners and over 70 volunteers who participated in the **March 21 Beautify Vallejo Day** along the Bay Vine Trail.

- Commissioner McGarry reported that the Napa Bay Vine Trail team has requested installation of a trash can to support proper litter disposal.
- Commissioner Weyrich shared progress on the installation of the refurbished Onagawara approved by City Council.
- Vice Chair Taylor initiated discussion on balancing cleanup efforts with broader beautification initiatives outlined in the 2025–26 Workplan.
- Social media newsletter is pending completion; a “Vallejo IS” video concept was introduced.

7. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

- The City Attorney confirmed that Commission Chairs may meet to discuss joint projects. Chair Leahy will coordinate as needed.
- The **Clean & Proud Vallejo Initiative** (under the Clean CA Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway grant) will go before City Council in May.
- A preview of the **pocket park project (200 block of Georgia St.)** was presented, followed by Q&A.
 - Commissioners requested advance notice of similar future projects.
 - Commissioner Weyrich recommended outreach to Marina Towers residents.
- Commissioners confirmed participation in outreach at the **Vallejo Farmers Market on June 27**.
- Update on the successful **Adopt-A-Block cleanup (March 15)** along Sonoma Blvd at Solano Ave by Sunset Rotary and Life and Life.
- Launch of the **Volunteer Management Portal (Get Connected by Galaxy Digital)** on April 1, 2026.
- Reminder of the **3rd Annual Earth Daze Festival** on April 25, 2026 (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 300 block of Virginia St.).
- Update on the **Wilson Avenue median beautification project** in partnership with Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association and Public Works:
 - Irrigation and planting scheduled for April 14, 2026 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM).

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2026–27 Workplan Development (May 2026 meeting)
- Caltrans presentation request (roles, responsibilities, and current projects)

9. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

10. NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Chair Leahy Signature

Date

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 6, 2026

Community Update

Commission Terms

Two commission terms will expire on June 30, 2026. Information on vacancies and the application process will be shared with the community in the coming months.

Resilient Neighborhood Hubs Proposal

A proposal for Resilient Neighborhood Hubs has been submitted by a resident homeowner. The concept focuses on strengthening neighborhood-level preparedness and community resilience. The proposal is currently under review.

Earth Day Activities Recap

The Vallejo community showed strong participation in a series of Earth Day events:

- **April 19 Community Clean-Up**
50 volunteers, including a group from La Clinica Vallejo, joined efforts to clean a one-mile stretch along Wilson Avenue.
- **Countywide Earth Day Clean-Up**
Organized by the Solano Resource Conservation District, this event brought together 260 volunteers across the county and resulted in the removal of approximately 4,300 pounds of trash.
- **Earth Daze Festival (April 25, 2026)**
This well-attended festival featured educational exhibits and interactive activities focused on alternative energy and sustainability. The event was made possible through support from the City of Vallejo, MCE, and Suite Treatments.

Wilson Park Improvement Grant

The City of Vallejo is preparing a grant application to support the renovation and rehabilitation of Wilson Park.

Community input is a key part of this effort. Beginning May 1, 2026, residents—especially those living within a half-mile of the park—are encouraged to participate through:

- An online survey
- Community tabling events

The grant application is due June 30, 2026.

Share Your Input:

<https://forms.gle/EDyfsyJ2N2YxWjJL7>

Dear Beautification Commission / City Council,

Please find the following proposal for the implementation of "Resilient Neighborhood Hubs" to 309 Pueblo Way, Vallejo, CA, 94591 unique environmental risks in the Beverly Hills hillside neighborhoods.

Elijah Seymore, Beverly Hills Resident & Homeowner

1. Project Overview

While current "Urban Greening" efforts are largely focused on the waterfront, hillside neighborhoods face significant risks from extreme heat, high-velocity stormwater runoff, and wildfires. This proposal utilizes nature-based solutions to protect these residential areas.

2. Key Infrastructure Requests

- Targeted Canopy Infill: Plant 50–100 drought-tolerant, fire-resistant street trees (e.g., Coast Live Oak or Western Redbud) along 309 Pueblo Way, Vallejo, CA 94591, and surrounding blocks to mitigate the "heat island" effect.
- Stormwater Bioswales: Install rock-lined bioswales at key drainage bottlenecks to manage runoff before it reaches downtown.
- Miyawaki "Pocket Forest" Pilot: Convert an underutilized city-owned lot in Beverly Hills into a high-density "Miyawaki" forest to increase biodiversity and improve air quality.

3. Alignment with City Goals

- SB 1000 Compliance: This project supports the mandate to reduce pollution exposure and improve health in residential zones.
- Climate Action Plan: The initiative aligns with Vallejo's 2035 goals for carbon sequestration and water conservation.

4. Community Impact

Investing in hillside greening protects the long-term equity of Vallejo's neighborhoods and reduces future city expenditures for storm drain maintenance and emergency fire services.

Warm Regards,

Elijah L. Seymore