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Beautification Committee continues to put their touch on Lafayette's downtown

August 27, 2011



Beautification Committee volunteers endured the hot summer heat this week to do one of the things they love to do for the city: beautify the downtown.

Fresh flowers were recently planted in the city's plot in front of City Hall, and new perennials were put in the flower pots throughout the downtown, to provide colorful foliage throughout the winter.

Team members regularly get positive feedback from citizens as they work. Drivers sometimes honk and wave and others make appreciative comments to encourage the work.

This week, someone passing stopped to offer a donation from the nursery she owns. Another stopped to ask if she could join the team.



The pots are strategically placed in locations where business owners are willing to care for them by doing daily watering.

City Administrator Preston Polasek has been supportive of the Committee that was established by Mayor Chris Heisler in 2009, and City Hall provided funds for the flowers.

In previous years, private dollars had to be raised for the pots, or the volunteers themselves contributed the money needed.



The Committee, along with Polasek, has bigger plans for next year with ideas that they hope will include hanging baskets and a large rock garden downtown.

Polasek and the Mayor's Beautification Committee also have the support of the City Council and the Budget Committee. Thousands of dollars were approved by this year's Budget Committee for city beautification projects.

Beautification team members say they do their best to minimize spending. Mayor Heisler has received donations from Monrovia Gardens in past years to help the team, and Committee members say they work to find discount prices for their purchases.

The Beautification Committee is always looking for more volunteers. You can contact the Committee by emailing Mayor Chris Heisler at Mayorheisler@ci.lafayette.or.us, if you would like to get involved in this or any other city committee.



The Committee is planning additional work for the downtown this fall.



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