



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 31, 2011**

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:35p.m., on Monday, January 31, 2011, in the Conference Room at Leon Valley City Hall, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Denise Berger, Michael Clemenson, Mary Key, Diana and Rich Sarfin. Also present were Eddie Tijerina, Code Enforcement Officer, and Kristie Flores, Director of Community Development. Excused members included: Tom Benavides and Byron Woodworth.

Region Urban Texas Forester, Arborist and Member: Paul Johnson was also in attendance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**– October 20, 2010/November 10, 2010/November 18, 2010**

Staff noted that there were minutes of the TAB that needed to be considered and approved from 2010, to close out the year.

**Minutes of October 20, 2010**

An administrative change was requested by Diana Sarfin. A motion was made by Diana Sarfin to approve the minutes as amended and Michael Clemenson seconded the motion. The approval of the minutes as amended passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Minutes of November 10, 2010**

An administrative change was requested by Diana Sarfin. A motion was made by Diana Sarfin to approve the minutes as amended and Rich Sarfin seconded the motion. The approval of the minutes as amended passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Minutes of November 18, 2010**

A motion was made by Diana Sarfin to approve the minutes as written and Rich Sarfin seconded the motion. The approval of the minutes as written passed unanimously by voice vote.

Staff noted that the next two (2) items went together, so they were collectively discussed as a whole.

**III. Discuss the Outcome of Arbor Day – November 13, 2010**

**IV. Discuss and Plan 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arbor Day – November 2011**

Staff noted that the improvement of the process Arbor Day 2010 going into 2011 had been discussed in November and would be used in planning Arbor Day 2011.

Staff passed out a November 2011 calendar to review dates for the 2011 Arbor Day Event. Staff noted that the City of San Antonio was having their Arbor Day on November 5, 2011.

Diana Sarfin noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend was too close to the holidays and the Thanksgiving Break for schools. She noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend, November 12, 2011, was a better date. Chairperson Denise Berger noted that the 12<sup>th</sup> would be a good date and Forester Paul Johnson noted that he was available on that date.

Chairperson Denise Berger noted that she would like to include a Talk Show for Arbor Day 2011. Paul Johnson explained that the Green Shade Program could be promoted as well for all attendees that are not Leon Valley residents.

#### **V. Discuss Next Tree Giveaway Venue/Date**

The Board unanimously supported giving away one (1) gallon trees at the Earthwise Living Day Celebration on February 26, 2011, from 10:00a.m. to noon.

The Board also agreed that 125 trees would be sufficient for the event. They recommended that Staff order 75 large variety trees and 50 small to medium varieties from the types used for previous giveaways.

Chairperson Denise Berger noted that as noted in prior discussions Vitex were not acceptable due to their invasive tendencies.

Staff asked is there was a date in March that the Board thought would be ideal for another giveaway.

Paul Johnson mentioned that the Board could consider participating in Olives Ole at the Botanical Gardens. Chairperson Denise Berger noted that vouchers could be given out to Leon Valley residents in attendance. She further explained that the event could be a good outreach opportunity as well as publicity for the City.

Other events in March were not apparent so Staff noted that March events would be investigated and information would be sent to the Board for review and consideration.

#### **VI. Discuss the Outcome of the Ordinance Revisions for the Tree Advisory Board to Become Eligible for the Tree City USA Program & Status of Becoming Part of the Program**

Staff noted that the ordinance had passed and asked Forester Paul Johnson if the TAB could still apply for 2010. He noted that online applications were now available.

#### **VII. Discussion of a Tree Donation/Sponsorship Program (i.e. Abilene Re-Leaf)**

The Board noted that this was a good program. Forester Paul Johnson noted for the record that plaques of individuals should not be attached to the trees, in the event that something happens to the tree, so that personal feelings are not transferred to the tree.

Discussion was made regarding price donation ranges such as \$100 donations versus \$200.

Member Mary Key noted that the plaques could be placed on the wall of the bathrooms at the park along with some type of leaf/tree mural.

Chairperson Denise Berger asked about the Bandera Road Beautification Program. Staff noted that it was on hold and other means of funding through Stormwater and Flood Mitigation measures were being explored. The Chair noted that perhaps trees could be planted along Evers Road. Staff noted that if the plantings interfered with sidewalk or fence stability it would not be supported but agreed to investigate other alternatives.

### VIII. Other Business

Forester Paul Johnson encouraged participation by all members of the Board in the Tree University Program that was developed by one of his colleagues.

Staff noted participation in the Alamo Forestry Partnership to encourage regional involvement and support.

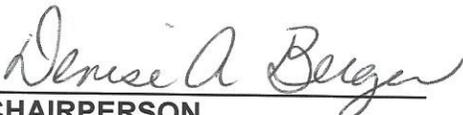
Other events noted were:

- Jammin' Jams Fruit Tree Adoption at the Pearl Brewery – February 12, 2011
- City of San Antonio Arbor Day – November 5, 2011
- Spanish Tree Cutting/Trimming Training – May 24, 2011

### VI. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the TAB is set for Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 6:30p.m., in the Leon Valley City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

  
**CHAIRPERSON**