

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
City of Leon Valley

15 October 2014

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. **OPENING OF MEETING:** Chris Riley, Mayor, opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. on 15 October 2014.
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
Lupe Carpio, Donna Charles, Carolyn Diaz, Shirley Jonas, Lyn Joseph, Jerry Perales, Chris Riley
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of last meeting, 3 September 2014, were approved as written.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Mayor Riley shared information an email that she received regarding what is expected by TXDOT when considering any type of beautification along Bandera and/or Grissom Roads, which are State Highways. Briefly, plans must be submitted to TXDOT and approved prior to making changes in these areas. There are a number of considerations, such as sight distance, maintenance, safety, obstacles, drainage, to be considered.
 - b. Members discussed the Tree Advisory Board's decision not to re-purpose trees once they are cut from the El Verde Road flood control project. Overall, the trees are not scheduled for repurposing due to size and condition. A minimal number of trees, which are smaller and in healthy condition, may be saved for future use.
 - c. If TXDOT approves the placement of planters, members discussed the type of planters and type of plants that would be most suited. Ms. Joseph will follow-up on the type of planters that are being used in the City of San Antonio, Ms. Charles will seek advice from the Rainbow Gardens about the most appropriate type of plants, and Mayor Riley and Ms. Joseph offered to bring photos of the planters.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Members discussed the advantages of becoming an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., a statewide non-profit organization. Their mission is to educate and engage Texans in taking responsibility for improving communities with focuses on litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction. The fee to join is \$100.00. Once a member, a city may submit entries in contests and receive awards in the form of assistance with beautification, litter prevention, and waste reduction. It is recommended

that one of our members serve as a volunteer judge for community submissions in order to obtain a better idea of what is being done in other cities. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

- b. Ms. Joseph announced that the Tree Advisory Board will make free trees available on Arbor Day, 1 November 2014. She encouraged members to take a survey of their respective neighborhoods and determine if trees could be used.
- c. Mayor Riley suggested that businesses be encouraged to place planters in areas on their properties. All agreed that this would greatly add to the appeal of what is now primarily concrete surroundings.
- d. Ms. Joseph and Ms. Charles will seek advice from the Master Gardeners regarding plantings.
- e. Ms. Charles accepted the position of Secretary.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE WITH EMAILS:

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7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.


DONNA J. CHARLES
Secretary