

City of Leon Valley Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Community Events Committee

**July 29, 2015**

The meeting of the Community Events Committee convened on Wednesday at 6:40 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Carlos Vera, Darcy Vera, Evelyn Scarborough, Belinda Early and Staff Liaison Sylvia T. Irwin. Absent and excused were Larry Schaeff, Bobbie Schaeff, Ricardo Ruiz, and Jackie Walton. Also present were Council members Monica Alcozer, Benny Martinez, Chairman of the Zoning Commission Olen Yarnell and invitee Barbara Black.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

A motion to approve the minutes with correction of matching the current meeting date with the minutes being approved was made by Councilman Benny Martinez and then proposed by Chairman Carlos Vera and Committee member Evelyn Scarborough seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Carlos Vera began by announcing that Grandparents' Day would be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 13, 2015. Chairman Carlos Vera received word that our usual Master of Ceremony Announcer and Community Events Committee member Larry Schaeff would not be available that day. If needed, Chairman Carlos Vera would step in for this duty.

Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin mentioned that the Beethoven Band had been confirmed and our budget is \$200.00. Council members Monica Alcozer and Benny Martinez made further inquiries about Grandparents' Day and were given information on the fifty-five member Beethoven Band, who plays for free, approximate attendance for this event, donation raffle, purchase of give-a-way carnations and the refreshments provided.

Councilman Benny Martinez inquired if the event could use a budget increased and suggested the committee make a request to council.

Committee members Belinda Ealy and Evelyn Scarborough volunteered to work together

on requesting donations from local businesses and preparing prizes for the raffle. Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin will prepare the letters needed to present to the business and email them to both Belinda Ealy and Evelyn Scarborough.

Chairman Carlos Vera inquired if we had sent out flyers and Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin presented the flyer being circulated to the usual locations of nearby senior communities, the Leon Valley Library, City Hall customer desk and advised she had attended the N.W. Senior Citizen luncheon where it was announced and a flyer would be posted on N.W. Senior Citizen Club bulletin board.

Councilman Benny Martinez mentioned he had not heard of the N.W. Senior Luncheon event and asked why it did not appear in the Lion's Roar? Councilman Benny Martinez also asked why this luncheon is not advertised and open for all to attend? Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin advised that the N.W. Senior Club is a membership club that is in partnership with the City and collects dues for attendance and their once a month luncheon includes bringing a covered dish. Opening the club luncheon to the public would not be appreciated require their consent.

Council member Monica Alcocer submitted that revenue for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was \$7,500.00 with expenditures of \$30,450.00 and we had a difference of \$22,950.00.

Olen Yarnell then inquired if the committee had been given a copy of the RF Proposal and if Promoter Mike De La Garza had kept the committee informed in writing as indicated on the proposal. Chairman Carlos Vera advised that Promoter Mike De La Garza attended our meetings when requested and gave verbal reports on his progress. Further, the Committee did not ask for reports in writing nor had we seen a copy of the signed proposal between the Promoter and the City. Chairman Carlos Vera also stated that the Festival Committee was setup to oversee the bigger 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and that the Community Events Committee did not get involved in the proposed contract signed by the City and Promoter Mike De La Garza. Secretary Darcy Vera reminded the Chairman of the Zoning Committee Olen Yarnell that the Community Events Committee is made up of volunteer Leon Valley citizens and do not claim to be knowledgeable in contracts or finance.

Council member Monica Alcocer commented that no new sponsors were obtained for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and that three sponsors were lost. Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin stated that the Community Events Committee would have no knowledge as why we lost these

sponsors and the committee could not comment on why sponsors participated last year but declined this year.

Councilman Benny Martinez then updated the committee on the Fall Festival stating Promoter Mike De La Garza had been paid \$12,000.00 for most of the event from the \$17,500.00 allocated. The city still owed him \$5,000.00.

Councilman Benny Martinez then inquired why the Economic Development presents the the Movie in the Park event and the Community Events Committee is not involved? This question could not be answered by the committee as the event was never presented for discussion.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Community Events Committee will be held October 28, 2015.

**V. ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Carlos Vera and seconded by Darcy Vera. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Chair Carlos Vera  
Staff Angela S. Juan