

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

January 21, 2015

The meeting of the Community Events Committee convened on Wednesday at 6:35 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Hall, Conference Room, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238.

I. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Carlos Vera, Committee Secretary Darcy Vera, Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, Committee Members Jackie Walton, Evelyn Scarborough, Bobbie Schaeff, and Staff Liaison Sylvia T. Irwin. Our guests for this evening were Councilman Benny Martinez and Festival Committee Member Olen Yarnell.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Carlos Vera moved to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2014. There was no quorum for September or October's meetings. Committee Member Bobbie Schaeff seconded the motion. The committee then moved to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Carlos Vera welcomed our guests, Councilman Benny Martinez and Festival Committee Member Olen Yarnell.

Chairman Vera then proceeded with the first item on the Agenda, Grandparent's Day. Chairman Vera and committee member Darcy Vera, prepared 17 gift baskets, felt this more than was enough baskets for the raffle give-a-way. Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin will look into reimbursement for additional basket supplies that were purchased.

Next, the discussion turned to a review of the Jazz Festival. Chairman Carlos Vera attended the Saturday of this two day event at approximately 6:30 p.m. but mentioned a 45 minute audio system delay. Crowd attendance was good. Festival Committee member Olen Yarnell and Jackie Walton who belongs to both Festival Committee and Community Events Committee volunteered in the parking area assisting VIPs, Police and vendors until assisted by a local baseball team who worked to obtain volunteer hours.

Festival Committee member Olen Yarnell suggested that Rimkus Park should be closed due to citizen congestion on the track but Councilman Benny Martinez disagreed because the park is open to all but felt major events should be more publicized by a community board. Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin reminded Councilman

Martinez that the City has an electronic message sign in front of City Hall and a website to reflect the City's upcoming events.

Councilman Benny Martinez expressed that the next Jazz Festival is set for October yet there has been no discussion by council. Chairman Carlos Vera stated that as a committee we needed to resolve the issue of whether to merge the Festival Committee and the Community Events Committee before planning the next Jazz Festival. Councilman Ricardo Ruiz added that another promoter would be compared for consideration.

Councilman Benny Martinez said he would like the Community Events Chairman and it's committee members to attend City Council meetings and report directly to City Council on events. Committee member Evelyn Scarborough voiced that attending regular Council meetings would interfere with the other obligations members have to other organizations. Chairman Carlos Vera mentioned the Community Events Committee would make their yearly report to the Mayor and Council at the next City Council Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015.

Councilman Martinez then inquired about Community Events Committee involvement in Los Leones. Chairman Carlos Vera explained to both Councilman Benny Martinez and Festival Committee member Olan Yarnell that the city has been a host for the site of this event since former Mayor Marcy Meffert's developed the City of Leon Valley Partnership with Northside Independent School District. The City of Leon Valley is not responsible for the program, sponsors, vendors or displaying student art. Chairman Carlos Vera explained the concept of the business of art to our guests Councilman Benny Martinez and Festival Committee member Olen Yarnell. Further, Chairman Carlos Vera discussed how the committee volunteers in copying the student art work on donated copiers by RICOH Copiers at \$5.00 a copy to create revenue for students. The Community Events Committee also assists in other areas as needed by Northside Independent School District to maintain the City's partnership.

The next event discussed was the Tree Lighting and Chairman Carlos Vera, Committee Secretary Darcy Vera, Councilman Ricardo Ruiz and Committee Members Jackie Walton, Evelyn Scarborough, Bobbie Schaeff, along with our guests Councilman Benny Martinez and Festival Committee member Olen Yarnell agreed the event was well attended. In addition, the difference between the Tree Lighting Event and Beethoven Christmas Concert was discussed. The Beethoven Concert Band entertains with Christmas music and the Community Events Committee serves cookies, punch and a hot drink would be attempted this year.

At this point in the meeting, nominations went out for Chairman and Secretary of the Community Events Committee. The nomination for Chairman went out to Carlos Vera and the vote was unanimously in favor of Carlos Vera for Chairman. Committee member Bobbie Schaeff declined as Secretary so the nomination

went to and was accepted by Darcy Vera for Community Events Committee, Secretary.

Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin was asked to relay the task of whether to merge the Festival Committee with the Community Events Committee or dissolve that subcommittee as their duty to assist in the 4th of July and Jazz Festival had been completed.

Two important points were brought out in further discussion and they were, that Festival Committee member Olen Yarnell, felt the two committees were unknown to one another other and never joined to work in cooperation with each other. Community Events Chairman Carlos Vera felt that Promoter Mike DeLaGarza gave us no reason to interact as the Community Events Committee and had no power to make any decisions regarding the 4th of July or the Jazz Festival. Further, there was no communication or cohesion between committee. Benny Martinez urged for coordination and a decision on whether to merge these groups or not as soon as possible.

Since Councilman Paul Biever was Festival Committee Chairman before he became a Councilman, and cannot also serve as both. Chairman Carlos Vera and guest Olen Yarnell are who are members of the Festival Committee along with Councilman Ricardo Ruiz and Jackie Walton who were present and with these members became the majority of the current Festival Committee, took a vote to dissolve the Festival Committee having completed their task. Chairman Carlos Vera offered to call Councilman Beiver by December 1st, 2014 and advise him of this decision to dissolve the Festival Committee but keep it's volunteers as a subcommittee should they be needed.

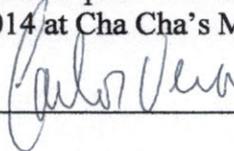
IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The Community Events Committee will discuss the Leon Valley Scavenger Hunt planned for March 28th, 2015 at our next meeting on January 21st, 2015.

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Carlos Vera and seconded by Bobbie Schaeff. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. We will meet for a holiday dinner on Wednesday, December 17th, 2014 at Cha Cha's Mexican Restaurant.

Chair



Staff

