

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
City of Leon Valley

18 February 2015

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. OPENING OF MEETING: Co-Chair Lyn Joseph opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. on 18 February 2015.
2. ATTENDANCE:  
Members: Lupe Carpio, Donna Charles, Shirley Jonas, Lyn Joseph, Jerry Perales  
Guests: Jamie Daily, Master Gardener
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of last meeting, 21 January 2015, were approved as written.
4. MASTER GARDENER PRESENTATION:  
Ms. Charles introduced Jamie Daily, Master Gardener. She provided brochure handouts and highlighted the following:
  - A Master Gardener may be reached by contacting the Bexar County Extension, 210-467-6575, and asking for the Hotline. The Hotline is usually staffed Monday through Friday.
  - The brochure pertained to plants which have been designated Texas Super Stars, meaning that they have been developed to withstand all types of weather and soil. Among them are Esparanza, Duranta, Cenizo, Firebush, Possum Haw Holly (a native), Flare Hibiscus, Mandarin Orange, New Gold Lantana (trailing), Dwarf Mexican Petunia, Laura Bush Petunia, Plumbago, Pride of Barbados and several rose types.
  - Almost any plant can grow in a pot and almost any plant can be dwarfed.
  - Ms. Daily recommended that soil, mulch, and compost be purchased at such places as New Earth on Foster Road and Fertile Gardens, where it can be bought in bulk and is of good quality.
  - The Botanical Gardens is hosting a plant sale from 9 through 13 March 2015. The plants are of great quality and sale for around \$8.00 a pot.
  - If there are further questions, a Master Gardener may be reached through the contact information listed above or contact Ms. Daily specifically at that number on Monday afternoons or at [jdaily8289@wildblue.net](mailto:jdaily8289@wildblue.net).

The members expressed great appreciation to Ms. Daily for her attendance and for her knowledgeable presentation.

5. UPDATE ON KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL (KTB) AFFILIATION:

- Since Leon Valley is already listed through the Public Works Department, the members wish to eliminate this item.
- Ms. Charles offered to follow-up with the Public Works Department Director who has agreed to change the page on the KTB Website to the Leon Valley page, not Public Works. She had emailed Ms. Moritz prior to the meeting but there was no response as of meeting time.

6. REPORT ON CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FLOWER POT DONATION:

- The Mayor sent a follow-up email to Mr. St. George, City of San Antonio, but as of meeting time, he had not responded.
- He stated earlier that these transactions take time.

7. DISCUSSION OF ST. MARY'S SURVEY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR BEAUTIFICATION:

- After reviewing the comments, the lack of property upkeep is definitely a problem within Leon Valley neighborhoods. If citizens lack the incentive to keep up their own properties, they will not hesitate to throw trash in business and other public areas.
- Review of City Ordinances pertaining to property upkeep may be in order.
- Additional Code Compliance Officers and a training program for volunteers who desire to assist in this area are items to consider.

8. SELECT TOP THREE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- After hearing from the Representatives from TXDOT at the January meeting and fully realizing the restrictions placed upon implementing projects along Bandera and Grissom, the members discussed alternatives.
- The members agreed to focus upon private business owners and strip mall owners, along these roads, who are willing to update their facades and to plant where available. Ms. Joseph is already working with the Hobby Lobby strip mall and now has made contact with the owner of the Leon Valley Café.
- Since the Hobby Lobby Representative wishes to receive plans and proposals in writing, the members were asked to photo any strip mall which has aesthetic appeal. Those photos would be included in a presentation.

9. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER:

The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 April 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center.

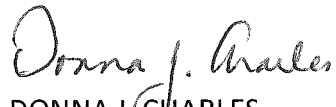
10. MEMBERS' EMAILS:

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11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2015 at 5:30 at City Hall.

  
DONNA J. CHARLES  
Secretary