

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City of Leon Valley

18 March 2015

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. OPENING OF MEETING: Co-Chair Lyn Joseph opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. on 18 March 2015.
2. ATTENDANCE:
Members Present: Donna Charles, Shirley Jonas, Lyn Joseph, Jerry Perales, Chris Riley
Members Absent: Lupe Carpio, Carolyn Diaz
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of last meeting, 18 February 2015, were approved as written.
4. UPDATE ON CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FLOWER POT DONATION:
 - Mayor Riley announced that an agreement has been reached through Lincoln St. George, Parks and Recreation, City of San Antonio, to obtain approximately 30 flower pots which the city is no longer using.
 - The Mayor will sign a formal transfer agreement and then will make arrangements to pick up the pots for storage until they can be cleaned, painted, and distributed.
5. KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL WEBSITE UPDATE:
 - Ms. Charles has been discussing the Leon Valley webpage, which opens when signing on to the Keep Texas Beautiful website, with Melinda Moritz, Director, Public Works Department. Presently, it opens to the Public Works page. She will schedule a meeting with Ms. Moritz with the focus of changing this page to the Leon Valley webpage.
6. BEAUTIFICATION FOCUS UPDATE:
 - During the last meeting, it was decided that targeting small businesses along Bandera and Grissom may result in readily observable beautification changes if the businesses are willing to participate.
 - Ms. Joseph has been working with the tenants of the Leon Valley Café and obtained the owner's name and number of the strip where it is located. She contacted the owner. Although the communication was not as positive as expected, she will continue to work with him in order to obtain his beautification buy-in.
 - Ms. Charles offered to speak with Pilgrim Cleaners, Bring Your Own Parts, and Applewhite Automotive to see what they would be willing to do to beautify the front properties of their businesses. She also announced that the landscaping business along Grissom, which needed much improvement, has replaced an old

building, built a beautiful fence, and landscaped the front of the property. It looks much improved and will be beautiful once the plants mature.

- The members discussed the improvements made at Sunset Square Shopping Strip Center. It was suggested that pots with flowers would additionally add to the improvements. When the pots are ready, the owner will be contacted.
- The Mayor read an email from Ms. Diaz who was unable to attend the meeting. In this email, Ms. Diaz suggested that Lantana be planted along the Bandera medium, which would serve as a continuation of the planting around the monuments. However, it would require removing the grass and weeds, landscaping with weed control and rocks in much of the area and then adding the plants. The cost would be outside the budget at this time.
- Discussed results of the St. Mary's Survey pertaining to lack of property upkeep. Also, discussed the burden that is placed upon one City employee to respond to numerous property-related complaints in addition to responding to animal control violations. Ms. Charles informed the members that the City of San Antonio utilized volunteers in their Code Compliance Program. She offered to contact the Code Compliance Department, City of San Antonio, to schedule a speaker who would be able to provide some insight and guidance, if a program such as this is in the future for the City of Leon Valley.

7. CITY OF LEON VALLEY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER:

- The Mayor reminded the members that the City of Leon Valley Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 April 2015, at 6 p.m. at the Conference Center.

8. FLOWER POT DISTRIBUTION:


- The members were asked to bring their ideas for distribution of the flower pots to the next meeting.

9. MEMBERS' EMAILS:

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

15 April 2015 6:00 djc


DONNA J. CHARLES
Secretary