



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Leon Valley City Hall, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

**I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.**

- Staff Liaison(s): Crystal Caldera and Elizabeth Carol (Both Present)  
Note: Elizabeth Carol is the new TAB Liaison (she is Kristie Flores' replacement)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Absent)
- Members Present: Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, and Mary Key
- Members Absent: Irene Baldrige, Lyn Joseph, Melinda Dawson, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin

**II. Approval of Minutes - February 18, 2015.**

- Minutes approved as written.

**III. Discussion on outcome of Tree Adoption in Collaboration with Earthwise Living Day.**

- All 212 trees were adopted-out.

**IV. Discussion of Annual Report to City Council on April 13, 2015.**

- The following are some of the items that will be part of the report:
  - Overall trees adopted-out since the inception of the TAB.
  - Request for an operating budget for repurposing (milling) some of the trees from the LC-17 project. Ideas on the type of finished products to include pricing information are as follows:
    - Dimensional lumber to be used to build new park benches and tables.
    - Slats to repair existing park benches or to build new ones (would require park bench frame kits).
    - Products made from the wood could be utilized to enhance the public spaces for the citizens such as the park and trails, the Community Center, the Conference Center, and the Library.
    - Small decorative items for the public buildings.
    - Per hour costs are \$75.00 for milling and \$55.00 for labor (pricing obtained from the Green Wood Milling Co. presentation given to the TAB last year).
    - Pricing information for the park bench frame kits will have to be researched and included in the report.
    - Labor for building or repairing park benches and tables could be accomplished by Public Works or contracted-out.
- Other topics associated to this report:
  - Crystal will try to locate the last TAB annual report as well as the Green Wood Milling Co. presentation. Files will then be sent to Denise to help her develop the report.
  - Have the "Tree City USA" signs been posted? If yes, where? (Crystal will check with Public Works and send the information to the TAB).
  - Is it possible to save the largest heritage oak located in the LC-17 area? Crystal reported that a review of this item found that the tree would have to be removed (located too far into the drainage area and it would require extensive engineering to try and save it).

**V. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Leon Valley Conference Center.**

- A reminder was sent to all TAB members along with today's agenda by Elizabeth.

**VI. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Local Government Code.**

- Not required.

**VII. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is set for Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley City Hall.



Chairperson