

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
City of Leon Valley

15 July 2015

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. **OPENING OF MEETING:** The Chair, Mayor Riley, opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. on 15 July 2015 at the Leon Valley Fire Department.
2. **ATTENDANCE:**  
Members Present: Donna Charles, Lupe Carpio, Belinda Ealy, Shirley Jonas, Jerry Perales, Chris Riley  
Members Absent: Carolyn Diaz, Lyn Joseph  
Guests Present: None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of last meeting, 24 June 2015, were approved as written.
4. **FOLLOWUP ON PREVIOUS AGENDA TOPICS:**
  - The Mayor reported that the Attorney stated that an agreement is needed for the planted flower pot distribution to businesses. He is working on the appropriate legal language for this agreement.
  - A catalogue was shared via email regarding available flower pots which may be purchased through the Co-Op. The catalogue will be reviewed and prices compared to what is available locally.
  - Ms. Charles reported that she contacted Jake Valenzuela, Bottle Caps Liquor, Sunset Plaza, to determine his and his father's (Adam who owns the strip center.) interest in accepting planted flower pots. He expressed an interest and stated that they have an available water source to care for them. In addition, she took a photo of the strip and shared with the members that she would recommend at least four terra cotta pots to really make an aesthetic difference. She will touch base with the Leon Valley Café and some other businesses along Bandera to determine an interest in accepting pots.
  - The budget must be committed before the end of September. Some discussion took place regarding using some of the funds to purchase signs for an individual property owner who and a business which have maintained, improved, planted, and/or shown some beautification efforts. The criteria will be determined. The members agreed that this would be a wise use of funds.
  - The tentative time frame for distribution of flower pots is October. Ms. Ealy was asked to survey the Church of Latter Day Saints' volunteers to determine if they are interested in assisting the day of distribution.
  - The gathering of Larkspur seeds was not accomplished this year. Some discussion took place regarding the lack of maintenance around the Leon Valley monuments. Although it is mowed, weeds and trash among the plantings and rocks are not removed. Unless the current problem is corrected, this condition would exist among any plantings, making the planted area more unsightly than beautiful.

- The Veterans Memorial Planting project will be discussed after the flower pot distribution project. Ms. Ealy started that there is already a flagpole near the Leon Public Library, near what was named the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Parkway, and may be an appropriate place for the planting when ready to move forward.
- The Mayor will distribute the bulk pickup card via email so that members may review and offer suggestions in order to make the message clearer to the residents. Last year, many subdivisions had difficulty with this topic and the City found it necessary to commit additional funds to clean up the neighborhoods.
- Mr. Perales informed the members that the Property Enforcement Code is being reviewed and updated to assure that there are clear expectations and clear consequences for lack of property upkeep. He also stated that with the addition of his Assistant, Andy Garcia, they are more capable of taking care of issues before complaints arise and that complaints in general have decreased.

5. PRESENTATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

- Ms. Charles will brief the City Council Members about the purpose and actions to date of the Beautification Committee on 21 July 2015. All members were invited.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Ms. Ealy lead the discussion concerning the large amount of trash left in the park after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. It took employees from Public Works, the Fire Department, and volunteers four hours to clean up. Much discussion took place about actions to put in place to reduce the amount of trash.
- The members discussed the progress of the Soccer Complex. Ms. Charles informed them that the relationship between the Soccer Complex management and the Shadow Mist Subdivision residents has improved. There is much communication.

7. MEMBERS' EMAILS:

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8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for 19 August 2015 at 5:30 at the Leon Valley Fire Department.**

  
 DONNA J. CHARLES  
 Secretary