

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City of Leon Valley

21 October 2015

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. OPENING OF MEETING: The Chair, Mayor Riley, opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. on 21 October 2015 at the Leon Valley Fire Department. She introduced new member, Jean Johnson.
2. ATTENDANCE:
Members Present: Donna Charles, Lupe Carpio, Carolyn Diaz, Jean Johnson, Shirley Jonas, Carrie Macias, Jerry Perales, Chris Riley
Members Absent: Belinda Ealy, Lyn Joseph
Guests: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting, 16 September 2015, were approved with corrections as distributed by email.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
PLANTED POTS
 - The first delivery of planted pots, seven (7) in number, was made on 15 September 2015 to the following businesses:
 - 1) One (1) to the Leon Valley Café
 - 2) One (1) to World Finance Corporation
 - 3) Five (5) to Sunset Plaza
 - The remainder of the planted pots, six (6) in number, were distributed on 9 October 2015 to the following businesses:
 - 1) Two (2) to the Chamber of Commerce
 - 2) Two (2) to Red Wing Shoes
 - 3) One (1) to Texas Pride Insurance
 - 4) One (1) to Funeral Caring U.S.A.
 - Signed agreements are on file with the Beautification Committee, City of Leon Valley.
 - The Mayor asked that additional photos be taken and an article be placed in the Lions Roar. Ms. Charles offered to take photos and write a draft article to submit to the Editor.
 - The Committee plans to resume in early Spring after vendors have replenished their pots and plant inventory.

BULK PICKUP REPORT

- There were few complaints and problems this pick up time. Approximately three areas were forgotten but Waste Management responded very quickly when notified.

PURCHASE OF BEAUTIFICATION AWARD SIGNS, AWARDS CRITERIA, AND WREATHS

- Sixty beautification signs were purchased. The language is generic so that they may be used to recognize both businesses and residences. Much discussion took place as to how, when, and by what method recipients will be selected. Ms. Charles was asked to come up with a draft of criteria to be reviewed by the members.
- Once the criteria and method of selection are agreed upon, the awards program will be advertized. It is tentatively planned to recognize a business and a residence, one in each of the 19 subdivisions of Leon Valley, in the month of May.
- Two large wreaths with red ribbons will be purchased and placed on each of the monuments for the Holiday Season.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

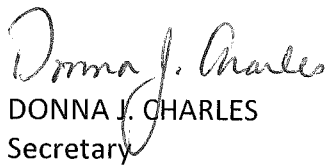
- Members inquired about the recognition, best food, best theme, and most attendees, given to communities during National Night Out Activities, as they were unaware of such recognition potential. The Mayor explained that the recognition is a Chief of Police Program. Most felt that such recognition must be advertised in a way to assure that all communities are aware of the criteria so that they may strive for one or more of the categories.
- The following events were announced:
 - 1) Coffee with the Mayor, Conference Center, from 9a to 11a on 24 October 2015.
 - 2) Fall Festival, from 3p to 9p on 24 October 2015, at Raymond Rimkus Park. There will be food, entertainment, costume contest, pumpkin carving, and a pumpkin pie bake off.
 - 3) Arbor Day, from 9a to 12p on 31 October 2015, at the Library. Three hundred and fifty trees will be given away.
 - 4) Trash and Treasure Fundraiser, Northwest Senior Citizens, from 9a to 2p on 31 October 2015.
 - 5) Earth Day, 9a-2p on 16 April 2016, at Woodlawn Lake Park. There will be a variety of booths, entertainment, and a shred truck. Discussed the various locations for large shredding needs throughout the year. One location is the San Antonio Credit Union located at Mystic Park and Bandera. Membership is not necessary.

- The Mayor discussed the desire to have a Fix Up-Clean Up Day in Leon Valley modeled after the Day in Live Oak. The members believe that it can be planned for the Spring, if it is kept on a smaller scale than the one described for Live Oak.

6. MEMBERS' EMAILS:

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7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Fire Department.


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Secretary