

The Earthwise Living Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of November, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Public Service Center, at 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY
EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE, 5:30 P.M.**

1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

An informal discussion was held from 5:30pm until 5:52pm until a quorum was reached.

Attendance of members was discussed and member Hendricks cited the Ordinance in the EWL packet. Due to absent members, some meetings may not have a quorum. Members agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. Member Ealy told members about the Mayor of Marshall Texas. The city has a similar event as our EWL Day and has expanded it into a 3 day event. She felt we could possibly expand our event as well. Guest Wagner suggested having a presentation on how to use ends of food such as green bean ends. Member Hendricks suggested having an egg dying booth for children since the event is near Easter. Vegetables would be utilized to make the dye for the eggs. Staff member Acuna asked for ideas for the SAWS insert. She will send the finished flyer to members by email for approval.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. Present were Committee members Key, Hendricks, Burnside, Ealy, and Mayor Riley. Absent were Committee members Ramirez, Gomez and Koger. Also present was Staff member Acuna, City Manager Kuentler and guest Sandra Wagner.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the October 14, 2015 Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes.

Revisions to minutes under additional discussion regarding EWL Day: Member Burnside-suggested breast cancer awareness and will provide outreach and recycle. Member Ealy duties will be sponsorship and volunteers. Mayor Riley made a motion to approve the minutes with revisions. The motion was seconded by Committee member Key, and the motion passed unanimously. Members discussed speakers for EWL day and will bring ideas to next meeting.

3. Discussion Regarding the October 30th 2015 Tour of the Waste Management Facility

Mayor Riley discussed contamination of the recycled items. Member Hendricks discussed the conveyor belts of recycled items with employees pulling non-recyclable items out by hand, such as Styrofoam, hoses etc. WM also says dirty diapers, syringes with needles and dead animals are sometimes placed in recycle bins. WM has a video online for use in schools. One idea was to have a recycle bin at EWL Day with recycle and non-recyclable items in it. Children could dump it out and separate the items.

Emphasis would be on teaching children the correct way to recycle, who will in turn teach their parents. Additional ideas for EWL was to invite 10000 Villages and have pet items. Member Burnside recycles T shirts into scarfs. Member Hendricks suggested we have a booth for scarf making and an instruction sheet. The EWL flyer could also state to bring your own t shirt to make a scarf. WM will have insert in the January bill. To allow for more information to be included in the Lion's Roar, City Manager Kuenstler suggested possible changes to Lion's Roar such as expanding the number of pages, increasing publication to monthly or decreasing items on back page to allow for additional space for topics. Guest Wagner stated she likes small post cards since they are easy to post on the refrigerator. Also mentioned, the LV Fire Department can take needles and medications.

4. Discussion Regarding the Status of the Cloth Recycling Bin Placement Facilities

Item will be on the November 17, 2015 City Council Meeting agenda. Locations will be in parking lot across from City Hall, at the Library and at Public Works. The bins will follow the same rules as for dumpsters. One suggestion was to move the library bin to the swimming pool lot. City Manager Kuenstler suggested City Council should decide bin locations. Member Burnside stated that the bins will accept purses, shoes, clothing, and textiles such as sheets, blankets etc. Member Ealy will send information regarding a recycle organization for carpet and drapery from showrooms. It is held at the end of the year and open to the public.

5. Discussion Regarding Monarch Butterflies

Member Hendricks stated previous email from staff member Acuna had information on a Mayor's pledge, backyard habitats, and school programs. National Wildlife federation had milk weed information and a webinar. She had 2 handouts which will be sent to members along with Monarch butterfly websites. City Manager suggested to table discussion and bring to City Council on December 15, 2015 meeting for review of pledge and public discussion. All members to review monarch butterfly email. For EWL Day, it was suggested to find a speaker on the topic and to find a source for milk weed seed. The seed could be passed out to the public for planting. Member Ealy suggested giving the City Council members an article on Roundup. She stated it should be banished due to damage to our food and the environment. She would also ask City Council to provide a seed benefit with purchase. Banning plastic bags and the need to utilize reusable bags was discussed.

6. Discussion Regarding the March 5, 2016 Earthwise Living Day Event

Green Star is a possible \$3000 sponsor. Craig Overmiller with Cam Solar pledged \$250. Member Hendricks and staff member Acuna updated all forms. Forms were passed out for review. Mayor Riley suggested the review start with sponsor letter. Send any changes to Member Hendricks. She will email forms to members. City website to be updated. Member Ealy suggested if we increase the length of EWL in the future, City Manager and City Council should review meetings spaces in any future

hotels in the city. Leon Valley Café plans to serve breakfast and lunch options. Power House should be invited.

7. Discussion Regarding Texas Recycles Day on November 15, 2015

The flyer was reviewed. Member Ealy stated all batteries will be accepted except alkaline. No hazardous materials will be accepted. She will ask WM for inserts. Posters will be located at the driveway and down the road. It was suggested to utilize the EWL signs. Due to an event at the Community Center, Public Works will now be open and staffed. The yard will be utilized for the event. Member Burnside suggested to advertise day on the Marque. Staff member Acuna will send an email. The Fire Department will collect medication, which may be in bags instead of the bottles. Guest Wagner suggested posting recycle flyer at the Library and to share flyer with the Chamber of Commerce. Member Ealy to ask Beautification Committee.

8. Discussion Regarding the Application for Keep Texas and America Beautiful Award

City Manager Kuenstler stated the application will be made by staff. At present there is no grant writer on staff but may explore working with a local university to find an intern who would write the grant for the city. After the grant application is complete, it would be decided if EWL or the Beautification Committee will facilitate this project.

7. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:15 p.m.

Belinda Ealy

Co-Chair
Earthwise Living Committee

Dec. 11, 2015

Date