

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City of Leon Valley

16 March 2016

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting

1. **OPENING OF MEETING:** The Chair, Mayor Riley, opened the meeting at 5:11 p.m. on 16 March 2016 at the Leon Valley Fire Department.
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
Members Present: Donna Charles, Lupe Carpio, Carolyn Diaz, Belinda Ealy, Jean Johnson, Shirley Jonas, Carrie Macias, Jerry Perales, Chris Riley
Members Absent: Lyn Joseph
Guests Present: None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of last meeting, 17 February 2016, were approved as written.
4. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** The plan was distributed by email to the Committee members. The members were uncertain about what was expected of them as they did not read any sections pertaining to the Beautification Committee. The Mayor offered to follow up with Ms. Carroll to determine what is being asked of the Committee members and the exact deadline for input.
5. **FOLLOWUP ON PREVIOUS AGENDA TOPICS:**
 - **Progress of Leon Valley's Clean Up Fix Up Day Plans-**The City Manager has asked Dave Dimaline, Assistant Director, Public Works Department, to chair this event. The feedback is that there will be a general clean up day. The Mayor will obtain additional information as to how extensive the cleanup will be and whether volunteers will be needed. She will report at the next meeting.
 - **Progress of Neighborhood Previews for Beautification Awards-**There is only one neighborhood to be reviewed and it will be completed tomorrow. The rest of the neighborhoods were completed and forms turned in. Ms. Charles has offered to compile the addresses by neighborhoods. She will also list the Committee member assigned and a contact number to share with the Gardening Volunteers of South Texas. The members agreed to accompany the judges to the neighborhoods and business sections where they surveyed to make the process easier.
 - **Feedback from Forest Oaks Pool Committee-**Ms. Diaz, representing the Beautification Committee on the Pool Committee, stated that the Committee has discussed ways in which to keep the pool open to include fees, pool management for Forest Oak Pool as well as the City Pool, offer additional classes for small fees, coordinate the activities for the pools and change the general way in which they are managed to be more similar, reducing competition.
 - **Feedback from Chamber of Commerce Presentation-**Ms. Charles is scheduled to present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on 23 March and will present feedback at the next meeting.

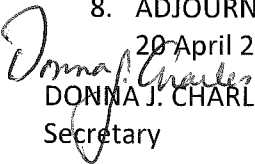
6. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Ms. Ealy voiced her concern regarding the torn up driveway which crosses the sidewalk at the Ice House on Evers Road. She asked that Code Compliance and Public Works look into this issue as it presents a hazard. She also voiced concern about the overgrown property at the corner of Evers and Huebner.
- The Mayor announced that Christie Flores, a former employee of the City, is returning as Communications Director. She has proven to be a hard worker with many talents which benefit the City.
- Mr. Perales announced his retirement effective the end of April. He will be joining his two brothers as an investigator in their law practice. The members offered their regrets about his departure from the Committee but wished him well.

7. MEMBERS' EMAILS:

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8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 April 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley Fire Department.


DONNA J. CHARLES
Secretary