



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 Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

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

- Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Carol (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Absent)
- Members Present: Irene Baldrige, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Melinda Dawson, and Diana Sarfin
- Members Absent: Mary Key and Rich Sarfin
- Guest: Roger Christensen (Chairman of the Leon Valley Park Commission)

### II. Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2016.

- Minutes were approved as written.

### III. Review Draft Leon Valley Raymond Rimkus Tree Planting Plan.

- Ms. Carol provided the following document to the TAB:
  - Leon Valley Tree Planting Action Plan for the park developed by Ms. Carol.
- Discussions on the Leon Valley Tree Planting Action Plan are as follows:
  - Correct document with the following:
    - Add names of Park Commission members to plan.
    - Add Montezuma Cypress on pg. 4, 2nd para., "Phase One" section.
    - Add Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park where Raymond Rimkus Park is mentioned on pg. 4, 1st para., "The Next Step Section, and on pg. 5, 1st para., "Raymond Rimkus Park Future Phase" section.
  - Set up future meeting with Park Commission to present plan (they meet 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM).
  - Plan defines history of TAB and its goals, phase one for planting in Raymond Rimkus Park, future phases, and two Google aerial shots (in color) with overlays identifying planting scheme for park.
  - Planting scheme includes the following:
    - 2 rows of Hybrid crape myrtles around the ballpark (10' centers and 15' from fence) in pink and white. Approximate cost for trees is \$100.00 and may not require protective fencing if trees are at least 5'.
    - Two high density planting areas with native trees East of ball park and divided by a natural drainage. Will include under story trees and fencing will be required to protect trees from foot traffic and browsing by deer.
  - Public Service will help maintain trees.
  - Plan needs to address removal of dangerous trees (ready to fall) and invasive species.
  - Trees purchased should be native and raised in the area. Among others, possible sources to purchase trees from include Rainbow Gardens, Milberger's Landscape and Nursery, and Fanick's Garden Center.
  - Ms. Carol will look into the cost of fencing and trees.

### IV. Future Agenda Items.

- **How to improve tree focus.**
  - This topic will be revisited in 2016.
- **Website updates.**
  - This topic will be revisited in 2016.
- **Neighborwood program.**
  - This topic will be revisited in 2016.

**- Strategic Tree planting goals.**

- Ms. Carol provided the following documents to the TAB supporting planting goals:
  - City of Leon Valley Street Tree Inventory (November 2013) accomplished by Mark Kroeze and Oregon State University student Rhonda Wise.
  - A document developed by Mark Kroeze on Contiguous Urban Forests, An International Survey with implications for the future.

**- Other Topics.**

- N/A

**V. Adjourn.**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room.

  
Chairperson