

**EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
APRIL 12, 2017**

The Earthwise Living Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 12th day of April, 2017 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 PM.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m., with the following Committee members in attendance: Committee Members Sharon Hendricks, Rita Burnside, Mayor Chris Riley, Belinda Ealy, Karen Seiffert and Mary Key. Also present was Staff member Yvonne Acuna.

2. Review and Approval of the February Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Committee member Hendricks to approve the February 22, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Committee member Burnside, and was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding Earthwise Living Day 2017.

All Committee members agreed that the event was a success and that having the children's musical presentations helped increase attendance. Member Sieffert suggested having the risers set up the night before would be helpful. In addition, she suggested having each presentation run for 20 minutes with a 10- minute break between performers to get set up. She also suggested having a specified entrance and exit and scripts for volunteers at the registration table. Mayor Riley discussed the VIA bus and the need to have a PA system in the Community Center. She also noted that Council member Martinez was very helpful with setting up the PA system in the Conference Center. She further noted that we had a great mix of new vendors and would like to see a vendor selling plants. She also mentioned having the taxi stay until the end of the event. The Committee reviewed vendors that did not attend the event, which included Bent Metals, Lavish Soaps, Tanks A Lot and the bicycle person. Member Ealy discussed volunteers and not being able to attend that morning. Member Mayor Riley suggested an adult be present at the registration table and it would be best if a member of the committee were there as well. Door prize display and location were discussed, as were thank you notes. Member Hendricks discussed the kitchen and tacos and she noted that the green insulated totes did not sell well this years since free totes were being handed out by AACOG. She further suggested that a plastic bag exchange for a free tote be offered next year. She also noted that the forms and fee schedules need to be updated and she suggested changing the event time to 10am-2pm to accommodate food vendors and to discontinue breakfast tacos and coffee in the morning. She also mentioned having the plants arranged on Friday and mentioned that new signs are needed for next year's event to include, registration, door prizes, floor plan, etc.

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4. Discussion and Consider Approval of a Date for Earthwise Living 2018

The committee agreed to host the 2018 Earthwise Living Day on March 3.

5. Discussion and Consider Approval of a Date for Texas Recycles Day 2017

The committee agreed to host Texas Recycles Day on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8am-12pm.

6. Discussion and Consider Approval of a Date for Rain Barrel Event

The committee chose two possible dates for the event, Saturday June 24 or Saturday July 8, 2017. Staff member Acuna will check with the rain barrel company to see which date is available. She mentioned that the event will held similar to the SAWS event. Rain barrels will be available for residents on Leon Valley water and will cost the resident \$40 per barrel. The barrels cost \$72 each and if approved, the City would pay the difference of \$32. She further mentioned that residents will be able to purchase the rain barrels on-line or at City Hall and a representative from the rain barrel company would be there to assist with the event. She also noted that Public Works employees would be there to assist the committee members and to help load and secure the rain barrels.

7. Adjourn.

Member Mayor Riley notified members of the upcoming meeting on April 22 from 9am-1pm at the Conference Center to discuss the contract with Waste Management. She mentioned that residents would be able to provide input regarding changing from a 2 day pick up to a 1 day pick up. She further suggested that the committee have a demonstration table to showcase items that can and cannot be recycled. Members were also reminded to review the list of over the street banner locations and new signage and send in those recommendations to Staff member Acuna. Member Burnside moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Member Hendricks. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:56 pm.

Belinda Ealy
Co-Chair

Aug. 15, 2017
Date: